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Select Board hears 333 Andover St. proposal

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — During the Select Board meeting on Monday night, Cabot, Cabot & Forbes CEO Jay Doherty presented early ideas for a proposed partnership with the town to build a mixed-use development at 333 Andover St.

Town Manager Jeff Hull opened by reminding the community that the Select Board does not vote on housing or commercial projects, but they do allow the opportunity for residents to learn more about proposed projects. He also mentioned that the town has had an interest in this property since the 1990s for a potential fire substation or other recreational use.

Doherty emphasized that the developer wants to work with the town and will prioritize according to the town's concerns and needs. He described a project they are working on in Wakefield which required the approval of their Zoning Board of Appeals for a 25-acre site near Lake Quannapowitt.



Regarding the town of Wakefield's concerns about conservation, they contributed money to stop runoff from other properties into the lake and committed to making more public space and waterfront. He also referenced examples where they restored a historic church from the 1900s and creat-

ed a plan for development at a superfund site in Woburn.

He proposed that a partnership could help the town to possibly follow the requirements of the DHCD guidelines as part of being a commuter rail community and prevent the loss of young professionals from the state due to the

high costs of housing and childcare.

This would be done in the proposal for Sciarappa Farm, where they signed a contract to explore the potential development on the property. Cabot, Cabot & Forbes brought in EDGE to create a community recreation facility on the site and planned to

save a plot for a potential fire substation. There would also be a public space element to the plan.

With multi-family rental at the center of the proposal, they had in mind a large number of rental units with some potentially being age restrictive and some being affordable housing. There could

Cabot, Cabot & Forbes CEO Jay Doherty presented early ideas for a proposed partnership with the town to build a mixed-use development at 333 Andover St.

(photo by Joe Brown)

be, if desired, other uses onsite such as food amenities or even a childcare facility. At least 200 feet of buffer would be left between any neighbors.

Doherty also explained that his company would be willing to work with MassDOT to see if they could get a signalized intersection from Route 125 to the development.

A representative from EDGE, Chris Collins, listed nearby towns where they've built multi-use sport centers including Middleton, Worcester, Wellesley, Braintree, and Dedham through public-private partnerships. This would also involve attending to the needs of the community. In this case, EDGE had in mind to build a twin sheet ice facility with a turf area.

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Proposed school start time changes

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Public Schools' Transportation Coordinator Lisa Faretra provided updates for proposed school start time changes to the School Committee at their most recent meeting. Pending School Committee approval, the changes could be instituted as early as the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand introduced the topic by explaining that the initiative initially resulted in options that couldn't be supported, so the committee asked for further consideration to be made. He also named some of the challenges of this work being the number of schools, not knowing the bus ridership, the new school to be built, and the cost of adding more busses.

"I can tell you as a committee that the idea of adding to our transportation budget as we prepare for a very challenging year does not seem to be in any way a possibility," he said.

One change already in motion for next year that he mentioned is that school days are being extended to add more instructional time. The elementary level school days will go on an additional 15 minutes and secondary levels another five minutes.

Faretra referenced the premise proven by research that secondary education should start between 8 and 8:30 a.m.

After deciding on 8 a.m. as the earliest start time for middle and high school, she built the rest of the proposed plans from there. The next thought for planning involved allowing enough time for the north side of town's bus routes between the Wildwood, Woburn Street, and the North Intermediate schools.

The plan she brought that night showed the earliest start time at the Wildwood at 7:40 a.m., followed by 8 for the middle and high schools, 8:25 a.m. starts for the Boutwell, Shawsheen, and West, and then the Woburn Street and North starting at 9 a.m. The current start times for next year, if unchanged, would be 8:40 a.m. for the Wildwood, 7:20 at the middle school, 7:40 at the high school, 7:50 at the Boutwell, 8:20 at the Woburn Street and the North, and 8:55 a.m. at the Shawsheen and West.

Brand pointed out that this proposed schedule aligns with an 8 a.m. start for secondary level students and requires no students to be picked up for the bus before 7 a.m. Seven of the eight schools would be shifted less than 40 minutes and have start times between 8 and 9 a.m. He also assured the community that this plan would not impact CARES, athletics, or other after-school activities, which were priorities identified at the last options stage.

School Committee member David Ragsdale asked how student drop-off at school would work if middle and high school students riding the same busses will start school at the same time. Faretra suggested that the 15-minute drop-off window would provide enough time for the bus to stop at either school for the be-



WHS Students of the Month for November

The Wilmington Students of the Month for November were: Kayden Bridge, 10, Learner; Paola Rodrigues, 9, Communicator; Sara Hughes, 12, Contributor; Courtney Howell, 12, Communicator; Nathan Murray, 11, Contributor; Kyra Turner, 10, Leader; Ellen Corradi, 10, Learner; Chris Phares, 9, Learner; Lauryn Hurley, 12, Leader; Nicholas Palermo, Collaborator; Jacoby Tibbetts, 9, Contributor; Thomas Sica, 12, Leader

(courtesy photo)

Wildwood School relocation possibility at middle school

By LIZZY HILL
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WILMINGTON — The School Committee received a presentation from Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand during their meeting last Wednesday night detailing a new option for the relocation of the Wildwood programs. After challenges with the

previous options from the Wildwood Building Study were brought forward such as the cost to the town, time to completion, and disruption to grade configurations, the committee went back to explore another possibility.

What they considered this time was the relocation of the Wildwood class-

rooms and program at a combination of the West Intermediate School and the middle school. Their current proposal, according to Brand, includes keeping five Wildwood classrooms at the West and moving seven to the middle school.

In the middle school specifically, there is an area of the school identi-

fied that will create what he called a "school within a school" sense with seven classrooms and the current library/media room space. While using two buildings isn't ideal, he said that this would allow the staff to be closer together and mostly eliminate travel, as any

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Select Board hears about infrastructure

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board opened their meeting with the Salute to Service on Monday night before they received updates on ongoing construction projects and the Verizon Fios cable license.

The Salute to Service that night honored Wilmington Police Officer Shawn Lee who served in

the U.S. Air Force from 1991 to 1995 and passed away in 2011. Select Board member Greg Bendel spoke to his medals including the Air Force good conduct medal and two Southwest Asia service medals. Lee served on the Wilmington Police Department for 10 years after his return until he passed away.

Select Board Chair Judy O'Connell allowed the rest of the board to

speak. Kevin Cairra spoke to Lee's dedication on the high school football team. Gary DePalma and Lilia Maselli both celebrated his service and life. Town Manager Jeff Hull said that Lee was inspiring.

O'Connell lastly shared about her longtime friendship with Lee where he was committed to bringing honor to his family and to anyone who wore a uniform.

WPD Chief Joseph Desmond also talked about Lee's compassion for the community.

Town Engineer Paul Alunni next gave a quick update that the Woburn Street and Lowell Street design plans were in the final stages. He reported that the town is still eligible for the awarded \$6.44 million to put toward the project. One of

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Town increasing in special needs programming

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Director of Student Support Services Alice Brown-Legrand presented to the School Committee last Wednesday night regarding the state of need for special needs education in town. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand explained that it seemed pertinent to have this conversation during budget planning season. The first topic Brown-Legrand discussed with the committee was early intervention. She referenced the IDEA law that makes education available to students with disabilities. Coordinator of Special Education Services Soula Bousios detailed that early intervention typically starts around two and a half years of age when the district looks at their profiles to plan for the services they'll need in preschool. Then the referral is initiated with a form sent home seeking con-

sent to hold assessments. An eligibility meeting is held next and a determination is made. The district needs to put an IEP in place before the student turns three. A recent trend that they've seen here is an increase in early intervention referrals and students coming in with a diagnosis of autism or a profile suggesting autism. The numbers Bousios shared only included early interventions, which are not through parent referrals. In 2018, they had 19 early intervention referrals with 14 students found eligible for special education programming and four needing Strides programming. In 2019, they had 15 referrals with seven eligible and two needing Strides programming. Then in 2021, they had 44 referrals, out of which 31 were eligible and eight needed strides programming. This included some referrals that should've taken place in 2020. This year, they've received

ed 32 referrals so far and found nine eligible, but they haven't completed all of those referrals yet. Eight of the 32 appear like they may require Strides programming. Some reasons that the referrals haven't been completed Bousios provided were that they're waiting for parent consent or haven't yet held the evaluation meeting. Bousios said that it's their job as student support services to provide free and appropriate public education to students in the least restrictive environment. Wilmington offers full inclusion, partial inclusion, and a substantially separate program in Strides for students grades k-12. In a case where there's an out of district program that is less restrictive, the town will place them there and continue to follow their progress. These cost as much as \$105,000 per year per student. Brown-Legrand expanded upon Strides, which

she said is for students requiring ABA methodology and more intensive care. These require a low-teacher-to-student ratio than a regular classroom. "I've always felt very strongly that not all of our kids are perfect for all of our programs, but the ones who we can house and service here... it's important that we do that," she continued. She also said that the need for early intervention and the increase of autism diagnoses are happening in a number of districts. Due to the increase of need in Wilmington, she wants to add another Strides classroom at the Shawsheen school. While previously they had 1-2 classrooms at each school with Strides, they currently have four Strides classrooms at the Boutwell, three at the Wildwood, and one each at the Shawsheen, West, middle school, and high school. Bousios also reported on special education needs from families moving into

Wilmington recently. They saw that 18 percent of the 169 families with children who moved into the district last year needed special needs programming and four an out-of-district placement. This year, they've had 96 families move in bringing 26 children with special needs and three more out-of-district placements. She suggested that families might be led to move to Wilmington knowing that "we offer a lot of special needs programs in district." Brown-Legrand went on to say that the increased rates of referral and turnover in staffing continue to be issues. Another complication for the budget is that out-of-district programs have been allowed to increase student costs by up to 14 percent this year. M. J. Byrnes asked about referral numbers in total — which Bousios provided have been 109 so far this year and 217 last year. Jay Samaha commented

that in his opinion, money spent on additional special needs classrooms and teachers in town reduces the cost of out-of-district placements. "I see ways to reduce costs by adding more programs in-house," he said. Brand noted that this would be a topic for future budget conversations. David Ragsdale also agreed, saying that an in-district program for special needs students will keep them involved in the community. Melissa Plowman expanded upon this topic further to say that this would only be true with adequate staff and funding. Stephen Turner asked if the MSBA process for the new Wildwood school would consider appropriate spaces for the four Strides classrooms there. Brand replied that the MSBA is aware of unique programs and the process will require an assessment of the types of programs vide.

Wilmington Library News:

Celtic Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec. 22

Adult Programs

INDOOR Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Can't make it to Needleworkers during the day? We've added new evening sessions on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

INDOOR
Drop-In Tech Help
Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL

50+ Job Seekers Wednesday, Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m.

If you are unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, re-entering the job market after a long employment gap, or recently retired and looking for your "Encore Career", this networking group program is perfect for you! Remember, 85% of jobs are found through networking! This week's topic (Dec. 21) covers Networking.

INDOOR
A Celtic
Christmas Concert
Thursday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m.

Enjoy the music of talented multi-instrumentalist Jeff Snow, who plays and shares the stories of the music of Scotland, Ireland and England. This concert features Celtic, Christmas, and holiday tunes. There will be singing, laughing, clapping and perhaps a bit of foot stomping; questions and input from the audience are encouraged and become part of the event.

Youth Programs

INDOOR
STEAM Team
(Grades K-2)
Monday, Dec. 19, 3:45 p.m.
Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! Grades K-2

INDOOR
STEAM Team
(Grades 3-5)
Monday, Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! Grades 3-5

INDOOR
Pop-Tart
Candy Cottages
Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m.
Craft delicious candy cottages out of Pop Tarts in this wintry extravaganza! Grades 6-12

INDOOR

Family

Gingerbread Houses Wednesday, Dec. 21, 3:45 p.m.

It's the most wonderful time of the year for a WML tradition! Gingerbread house-making! Construct a gingerbread house out of graham crackers and sweets. Please bring two empty small milk cartons (from school or home) if you can, or try using just the frosting we provide to make it stand! All Ages

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INDOOR
Music with Dara —
Special Holiday Edition!
Friday, Dec. 23, 10 a.m.
With keyboard, felt board, finger puppets, and engaging visual props, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites), fingerplays, rhythmic activities/simple instrument playing, and

creative movement for a fun-filled musical 30-45 minute program. Lots of clapping, marching, singing, creative expression and FUN! Enjoy this special holiday edition! Ages 2-5

INDOOR
Teen Gaming Club
Friday, Dec. 23, 3:30 p.m.
Hang out and play Switch games after school with other middle and high schoolers! Grades 6-12

Additional
Information
The library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24 in observance of Christmas.

Holiday Shopping
with the Friends
of the Library
If you are looking for holiday gifts for the readers on your list, stop by Friends of the Library Book Store Next Door. You will find gently used book bargains for as little as \$2. Gift Certificates make great stocking stuffers and gifts for teachers. The Book Store Next Door is open Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Saturday Dec. 24 and Saturday Dec. 31. In addition, we ask that you designate the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library to receive a percentage of the sale

when you shop on Amazon Smile. Please note that doing this costs you nothing!

Friends of the Library
Jewelry Sale
The Friends of the library will be accepting jewelry donations beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1. The next jewelry sale is scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2023.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person
Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual
Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

~Town Crier moving~

The Town Crier will be moving to 36 Commerce Way Unit 410 on Friday, Dec. 16. Customer service will be temporarily disrupted on Friday due to the move and our office will be closed. The new office will be up and running on Monday, Dec. 19. We appreciate your understanding during this time.

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School Committee hears several presentations

By **LIZZY HILL**
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WILMINGTON — The agenda for the School Committee meeting last Wednesday night pertained to presentations from the middle school representatives, the high school athletic department, and the Wildwood Parent Advisory Committee along with the Superintendent's Report.

The two middle school representatives opened the meeting by sharing some recent ongoing at school including the musical production of Elf, the middle and high school chorus concert, and the World Culture Club's celebration of Native American culture. A few planned events before the end of the year were an upcoming concert bands performance, Spirit Week,

and the 6th grade gingerbread house decorating celebration. WHS Athletic Director Dennis Ingram featured several all-star high school teams during his presentation of the fall athletic review. He named all of the WHS cheer team, who were the Middlesex League champions, along with the girls cross country team who were the Freedom League champi-

ons. Both of these teams attended the meeting that night, and the School Committee presented their captains with certificates of excellence on behalf of the teams. Ingram then listed the scores from the seasons of boys' soccer, girls' soccer, field hockey, golf, girls' volleyball, and boys' cross country. He mention-

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News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV is working hard to bring you more and more amazing programming!

As we enter the Holiday season and close out the year, WCTV is still working hard to bring you all the amazing programming you love and expect, as well as bringing you even more wonderful programs to watch and listen to!

Right now, we have new episodes of some of your favorites that you can view anytime by going to:

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If you'd like to view a list of what's on our channels by day and time you can see the programming list by going to wctv.org. Once there, click on "Video on

Demand" and look at the left side of the screen where you'll see the letter "A" and "live." Each of our three channels is listed there. Click on each channel to see what's on and when. You can also find our podcasts and covered government meetings at wctv.org using the instructions listed above. Happy viewing and listening and there's so much more to come!

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Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. School Committee
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Lifestyle

Yankee Swap, Secret Santa

Fun ways to liven up the holiday season

By PAIGE IMPINK
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Ah, the holidays. Gift giving, holiday gatherings, office parties. As people are able to come back together in person and celebrate, co-worker gift exchanges are back in focus. Whether you have a Yankee swap or a Secret Santa, giving a fun and small token can be both inspiring and daunting. How should you approach this workplace tradition?

First, let's learn about the history of each. The Yankee swap is a gift giving tradition traced to the early 19th century. "Yankee," a term used to label those from the northeastern United States, but also used to describe an American, was popularized as New Englanders were apparently known as people who were avid traders, always looking to make a "swap."

Secret Santa and gift traditions like this exist in some form in many countries around

the world. In some countries the tradition is called "secret friend" and "Kris Kringle" in others. The idea of secretly giving a small gift to someone seems to trace back to Scandinavian and traditions of knocking on a door, then tossing a small gift inside when the door opens, and running away.

Germany also has a similar tradition based on the concept of fairy helpers giving the gift of time during the busy holiday season.

Yankee swap gifts usually have a dollar limit assigned. Items may be practical or silly, but the rules around the swap can vary slightly. Usually, gifts are put in a pile and everyone draws a number.

The first person picks any gift of their choosing and unwraps it. The next person may either draw another present, or take the first person's present. The swapping or stealing goes on until the person who picked first gets to choose from all the gifts or keep what they have received.

Secret Santa is a more personal gift exchange. Names of participants are placed in a hat and each person draws a name. A gift is then purchased for that person, but the name of the giver is not disclosed. The fun comes in guessing who the "secret Santa" is, and if that person is not ultimately guessed, the giver can reveal themselves.

Gifts can be a gag or something characteristic of the recipient. Some variations on the game have each person listing some items they like or answering questions about favorite colors, flavors, or scents.

In different parts of the country, these holiday gift exchanges are known as White Elephants, Kris Kringle, and Dirty Santa among others.

Gift exchange etiquette suggests sticking to the set dollar amount for items, wrapping items in interesting packaging so it is not obvious what they are, and not giving gifts in poor taste. No one wants a



(Paige Impink photo)

stinker unless that's the overall theme of the party.

No matter what type of gift exchange you participate in, the name of the game is fun.

Have a laugh with colleagues and enjoy the true gift of being together again and celebrating the season.

By ROSALYN IMPINK
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Montuori gets high marks for leadership

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Select Board met on Dec. 6, 2022 at town hall to discuss license approvals and evaluate the town manager.

The board authorized the town to take 1,200 square feet of Bayberry Lane through eminent domain for \$1,400 to construct a culvert.

The board heard a presentation from the North Street and Trahan School Reuse Committee and reviewed the committee's recommendations on the future of the properties.

The board reviewed water improvement updates and a snow and ice presentation from DPW Director Brian Gilbert and Town Engineer Kevin Hardiman.

The board reviewed weight and measure fees and raised them slightly to align with neighboring communities, which is projected to bring in about \$11,000 in additional revenue.

The board approved the refund of a \$50,000 bond held for a billboard project which was approved for 1900 Andover St. near Longhorn Steakhouse. David Modica of 71 Newbury St.

Properties explained that the project will not be moving forward.

The board conducted batch approvals for common victualler, amusement, entertainment, pool table, and class license approvals. After a brief discussion on whether or not businesses with televisions for entertainment were being charged while other businesses with televisions were not, chair Todd Johnson asserted to members that any business was welcome to inquire about fees being charged.

The board voted to reduce the size of the Tewksbury Beautification Committee from 12 members to six members to address quorum issues.

The board conducted its annual review of Town Manager Richard Montuori's performance during the year. Montuori is the town's second professional manager since the position was first created in 1987, and was hired in December 2009.

Member Jay Kelly gave Montuori an "A" grade, praising his responsiveness and fiscal responsibility even when decisions

did not align with Kelly's wants.

"You're doing your job," he said.

Member Mark Kratman echoed his colleague's comments. Member Jayne Wellman reflected on the town's progress throughout the pandemic and commended Montuori's continued stewardship of resources, finding his performance exceptional and his advancement of projects exceeding expectations.

She added that she would like to see the town manager maintain his involvement in community programs and projects — "I'm really hoping to see Richard go hiking one day on a trail!" — and praised his leadership.

Member James Mackey also gave Montuori an "A" grade and praised his responsiveness and attentiveness to a fault, often answering board questions sent at odd hours with immediacy. Johnson seconded his colleagues' evaluation and found Montuori to be "highly professional, highly accountable, and highly ethical — the single best decision I made as a selectman was

hiring you."

Montuori thanked the board for their support and kind words, emphasizing the importance of a team effort and dedication to the town; he also took time to praise his department heads and staff.

"I couldn't be prouder of the people who work in this community," he said. "We have things to improve upon, and I can tell you we're working hard to

do that."

In member reports, Wellman shared that the Tewksbury Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee is seeking new members, and residents interested in serving can contact the town manager's office.

Mackey reported that the town will be holding a conference call with cybersecurity firm Dragos to discuss how to spend a

\$100,000 grant from the company to protect critical infrastructure.

Members reminded residents that all LRTA vans and buses will be free for the month of December.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 20, 2022. Residents may find previously recorded meetings at [youtube.com/TewksburyTV](https://www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV). The meeting may be viewed on Comcast channel 99 and Verizon channel 33 or attend in person at town hall.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Extension of Public Comment Period

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announces an extension to the public comment period for the Olin Chemical Superfund Site Community Involvement Plan (CIP). The public comment period will now run until **midnight on Wednesday, January 18, 2023**. A CIP is a site-specific strategy to enable meaningful community involvement throughout the Superfund cleanup process. EPA encourages public input on the CIP during the public comment period, which began on November 17th, 2022.

To access a copy of the CIP, please visit EPA's website at: www.epa.gov/superfund/olin

Comments can be submitted in writing by email or mail.

- **Comments by regular mail** should be sent to:
 - Charlotte Gray
 - 5 Post Office Square, ORA-01
 - Boston, MA 02109
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 - gray.charlotte@epa.gov

For more information, please contact Charlotte Gray, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, or visit EPA's website at: www.epa.gov/superfund/olin

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Book Stew Review

'Our Missing Hearts' by Celeste NG

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This novel's title could also be "Our Missing Souls," as Ng envisions a near-future America where a right wing government has installed PACT — a set of laws repressing all individual rights, including the rights of free speech and the right to protest — with secret police squads for enforcement.

A family — Asian-American mom and poet Margaret, whose works have been banned; dad, Ethan, a former Harvard professor demoted to library aide; and their small son, Bird, deals with the consequences of Margaret's words.

She flees to avoid the confiscation of Bird from his loving family, as has been done many time in

countries under authoritarian regimes, and with Native American parents in our own country.

The story is told from the perspectives of all three, with the fearful background of official repression of and violence against Asians, just like we read about every day, right now, everywhere in this country.

So is the scenario unimaginable? No, as it wasn't with Margaret Atwood's handmaids — it's a plausible outcome of contempt for citizen rights by right wing politicians and their obedient minions. It's a very chilling reminder and a heartfelt tale of tattered love and repression and of the bravery that accompanies it, but a tiny sliver of hope stays alive.

Upcoming local events

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m., Free Narcan Training at the Public Health Museum. Drop in or pre-register, 365 East St. Tinyurl.com/53yuwxmd

Saturday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m., Free Narcan Training at the Public Health Museum. Drop in or pre-register, 365 East St. Tinyurl.com/53yuwxmd

Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:30 a.m., Christmas Petting Zoo and Live Nativity at end of the service. Northeast Christian Church, 995 Andover St., Tewksbury. All are welcomed.

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Free Ham Dinner. Tewksbury Congregational

Church. Enjoy a free community meal at the Galilee Café. Eat in or take out options. If you know someone who could use a meal, contact the church at 978-851-9411.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m., Lighting of the Menorah, Tewksbury Town Common for the 4th Night of Chanukah.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Wilmington Town Museum, Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m., Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St., North Billerica, middlesexcanal.org

Beck delivers marketing presentation to Red Sox Foundation executives

NEWTON — Heather Beck, a Lasell University student from Wilmington, shared an event marketing proposal with Red Sox Foundation executives at Fenway Park. Beck presented "Team of the Month," a marketing and event plan aimed at increasing funding for Boston public school athletic facilities and equipment.

Beck and fellow students in Young-Tae Kim's sport marketing course embarked on the semester-long project with two aims: create a new program for the Red Sox Foundation that will raise funds and have a positive impact on local Boston communities, and generate a marketing plan to go along with it.

At several points throughout the semester, Foundation Director of Programs Brad Schoonmaker supported the class with feedback on their plans. Schoonmaker and Kim have collaborated on this Connected Learning project

since 2019, with the goal of expanding project-based learning (PBL) opportunities for students to better understand marketing through real-world, professional assignments.

At Fenway, the groups received notes from Schoonmaker and his team — an exercise that Kim placed heavy importance on.

"This is all about how you take the feedback and accept the coaching," he said.

The Foundation team provided suggestions for the students' marketing plans and event ideas, as well as input on their presentation delivery.

"The work that you put in was really excellent, and that is so appreciated," said Schoonmaker to the students. "I feel really strongly about experiential learning and I hope that you got more out of this semester by [working with us on] a real-life experience."

Massachusetts vocational-technical schools adjust admissions policies to broaden access and diversity

MARLBOROUGH — In an effort to expand access to a more diverse population of students, nearly 97% of the regional vocational-technical and agricultural high schools in Massachusetts made changes in their admissions policies, practices, or staffing over the past two years. That's one of the key findings of a survey on admissions practices conducted by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA), a statewide organization that advocates for high-quality career and technical education.

The survey, conducted by MAVA during the month of November, included 29 regional vocational-technical and agricultural high schools. 28 of these regional schools (96.6%) responded that they made changes in their admissions policies, modified their admissions practices, or added admissions staff or training during the past two school years.

"What really stands out for me is that our member schools are very committed to improving their admissions procedures," said Dr. Thomas J. Hickey, Superintendent-Director at South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School in Hanover. "The state wanted our schools to analyze the admissions data, reflect on it, and make changes. And that's exactly what the survey showed they're doing."

Dr. Hickey helped design the survey and compiled its results.

In addition to the regional voc-tech schools and agricultural high schools, the MAVA survey included more than two dozen city vocational high schools, comprehensive high schools, and academic high schools with one or more state-approved Chapter 74 vocational-technical programs. Many of those schools also made changes.

Of the 29 schools in that group, 13 of them (44.8%) reported making one or more admissions changes during the two admissions cycles surveyed.

In all, 59 schools received the survey.

Considered in the aggregate, 41 of the 58 schools offering state-approved vocational-technical programs and responding to the survey

(70.7%) reported they had made changes in admissions policies, practices, or staffing in preparation for the two admissions cycles. For the first year, 63.9% of all schools reported making changes in admissions policies, 47.5% made changes in admissions practices, and 37.7% reported adding admissions-related staff or training.

For the second year, 41% of the schools reported making additional changes in policy, 32.8% reported additional changes in admissions practices, and 41% reported additional changes in staffing or training.

In most cases, these were the first significant changes in vocational schools' admission practices in decades. Previously, vocational school admissions policies closely followed a model policy designed by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Under state regulations that were in place for many years, vocational schools were encouraged to use four criteria in making admissions decisions: grades, attendance, discipline, and recommendations from sending school guidance counselors. Schools could also use an optional fifth criteria: a personal interview.

"Our members are clearly taking this issue very seriously," said Dr. Andrew H. Linkenhoker, MAVA's current president who serves as the Superintendent of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School in Northampton. "We know we have limited seats in vocational and agricultural high schools and there's a responsibility to make the best use of those limited resources in the fairest way possible for all students."

In addition to making changes in their schools' admissions policies, the MAVA survey found that eight schools added staff to conduct additional outreach or provide admissions help to special student population groups such as English language learners, to further address diversity and equity issues in their school, or to analyze admissions data; nine schools reallocated staff to support admissions; 12 schools arranged professional development on

new admissions policies or to train admissions staff in conducting unbiased student interviews; and 11 adjusted interview questions, rubrics, or the size and scope of interview teams.

Several schools reduced the weight given to discipline in their admissions policies, increased the weight given to personal interviews, or added personal interviews as part of the application process.

Two schools, Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlborough and Worcester Technical High School in Worcester, decided to adopt a lottery system for admissions. Three schools, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School in New Bedford, Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School in Wakefield, and Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School in Danvers, decided to test a lottery in limited segments of their admissions process.

Schools making changes in their admissions policies, practices, or staffing reported that they would reevaluate the success of the new admissions changes at the end of each admissions cycle. They will make further adjustments if the new enrollment data suggests more changes are needed.

Since schools generally have only one full year of data under their new systems, several schools indicated it was too early to tell if the changes helped increase applications and acceptances in special student population groups. A few schools reported seeing some short-term improvement.

"Right now," said MAVA Executive Director Steven C. Sharek, "our schools need one thing: time — time to see whether these changes are working and to fine-tune them as we gather and analyze more data. For the first time in decades, the state has asked us to rethink and redesign the way we handle admissions. We want to do this right."

As part of the survey, schools also reported that they need better access to seventh- and eighth-grade students so they can make middle school students aware of the benefits of pursuing a vocational education.

They noted that new state regulations and guidance documents require middle schools whose communities are members of vocational school districts to allow eighth-grade students to go on tours of their local vocational technical high schools to learn about those opportunities, but not all middle schools are complying with the regulations.

In some cases, the new regulations have improved access to seventh- and eighth-grade students in middle schools that had previously restricted it or blocked it altogether. MAVA school leaders believe that more firsthand, in-person access will spark more interest and lead to enrollment of more students from special student population groups which previously may have had only limited exposure to vocational technical or agricultural education.

This process was initiated approximately two years ago when a coalition of civil rights advocates called for change, claiming that vocational school admissions policies were unfair to certain student population subgroups, including students of color, those whose primary language is not English, the economically disadvantaged, and those with disabilities.

After months of public discussion, DESE asked vocational schools with admissions policies to review and reflect upon their admissions data and compare the overall district-wide percentages of special student population groups in sending-school communities to the overall percentages of special student population groups actually enrolled in those vocational schools.

Vocational schools then began analyzing data and changing their admissions policies, practices, and staffing.

MAVA is a statewide non-profit organization with more than 60 member schools. At the time of the survey, it had 59 members. Its member schools enroll more than 51,250 students in high-quality Chapter 74 vocational-technical education programs.

Additional information about MAVA and its programs can be found on its website: www.MAVA.us.

Tewksbury FD awarded firefighter safety grant

TEWKSBURY — Fire Chief Joseph W. Kearns is pleased to announce that the Tewksbury Fire Department has been awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. This grant award is intended for the purchase of safety equipment and tools for the betterment of its members.

Tewksbury Fire Department received \$18,334.54 for the purchase of an extrication tool, and the purchase of new ballistic gear to be used in the

event of a hostile shooter event.

Kearns said, "This is an excellent chance for us to upgrade our extrication tools used at vehicle accidents. We will also be able to bring up to date some of ballistic gear to better protect our members as they protect the public. We are very appreciative of the funding."

The fire department thanks Deputy Chief Paul Guttadauro for his efforts in writing the grant request.

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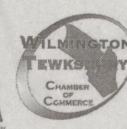
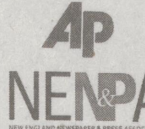
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Skating rinks open all over Boston for the holidays

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

There is something magical about the month of December in the City of Boston. Twinkling lights and decorated trees amongst the backdrop of the skyline is truly a sight to see.

Cue the snow flurries and ice skates, and Boston instantly becomes a winter wonderland.

For the city version of a Currier and Ives moment, Mother Nature has cooperated by adding a fresh coating of snow to the city this past weekend, and this season the City of Boston has added to the winter wonderland fantasy by offering multiple outdoor skating facilities just in time for the holidays.

For that perfect experience of skating amongst the city lights, visit the Rink at 401 Park.

The Rink at 401 Park in Fenway is returning for a

second season of winter fun. With just one lap around the twinkle-light adorned ice, you will be filled with holiday spirit.

But be warned, Jack Frost will definitely be nipping at your nose, so be sure to dress in warm layers.

The Rink at 401 is open to the public Monday through Friday 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Skating is \$10 per person, and skate rentals are available at \$7 per person. Senior and student discounts are offered on the cost of tickets and rentals.

Keep in mind tickets are required and can be purchased on site or in advance at www.401park.com/icerink.

Weekends can be crowded, so advance ticket purchase is recommended.

Fenway is excited to announce a new partnership with the Boston Bruins

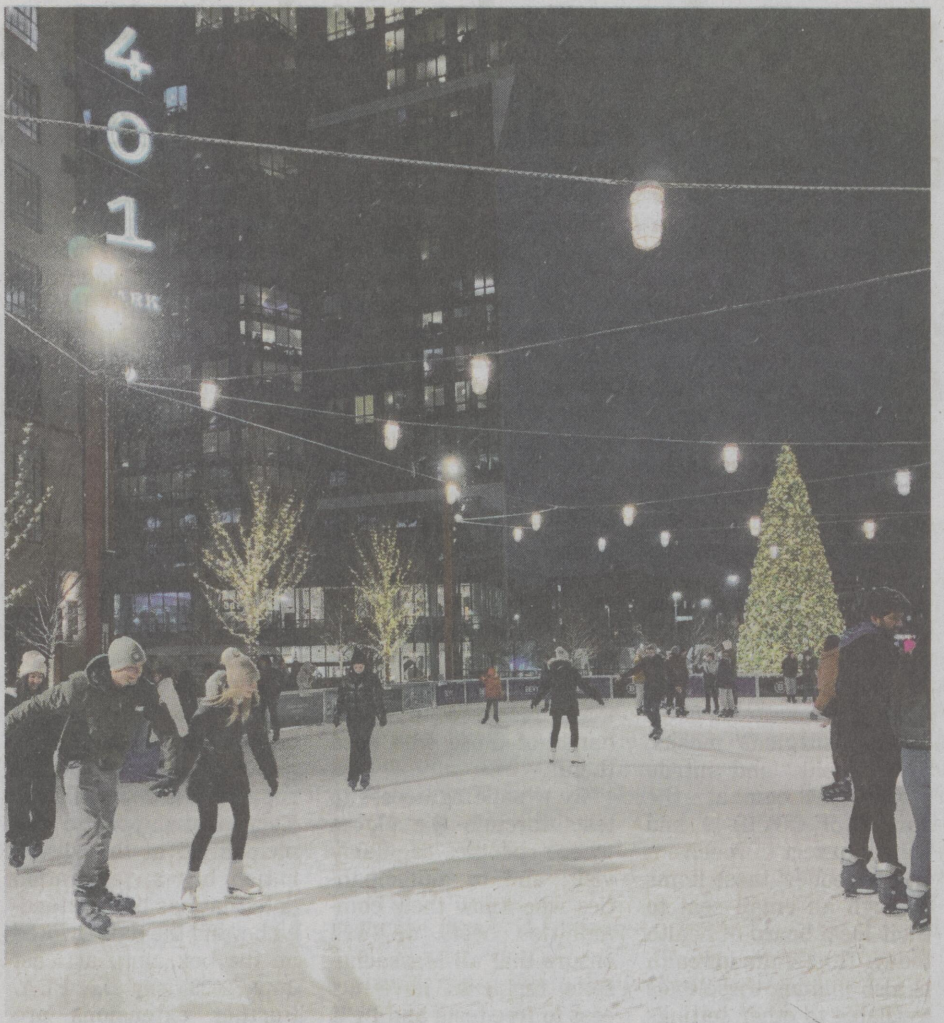
Foundation and Score Boston Hockey. With the support of these two organizations, the Rink at 401 Park will be used to provide access and opportunity for the children of Boston and surrounding communities to be introduced to the sport of ice hockey.

For a true Boston winter tradition, you must experience a skate in the heart of the city at Boston Common.

The City of Boston in conjunction with the Skate Club of Boston is happy to announce the 26 season of Skating on Frog Pond, located in Boston Common.

Like the Rink at 401, Frog Pond offers open skate time and skate rentals amongst the lighted trees of the common, nestled within the city skyline.

Frog Pond rink is open Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Mondays 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Frog Pond also hosts



▲ Enjoy holiday ambience at the 401 Park Skating Rink located in the Fenway. (Heather Burns photos)

College Night every Tuesday evening offering half off ticket prices to anyone

with a valid student ID.

Check their website www.bostonfrogpond.com for information on admission, skate rentals and other services.

This year, the City of Boston is also offering FREE public skating at six different locations throughout the city.

In a statement released by Gov. Baker's Administration, it was announced that the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will open state managed ice rinks for free public skating throughout the winter season.

This free skating program is run through the agency's Universal Access

Program, enabling people of all abilities the opportunity to experience programs, like ice skating, through the state's park system.

Both the Rink at 401 Park and Frog Pond, as well as skating sites offered by the DCR, will be open for skating throughout the winter season, which in New England could mean until March or early April, depending upon the weather conditions.

But as with everything to do with the holiday season, you only have a few fleeting weeks left to experience a Boston "holiday skate," surrounded by all that Christmas time in the city has to offer.

For more information on free, public skate rinks in the City of Boston and skating times offered by the DCR, visit www.mass.gov/info-details/dcr-ice-skating-rink-schedule.



◀ Tewksbury residents Michelle Hinckle and Chloe Burns enjoy skating in the snow at the 401 Park Rink in the Fenway.

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Baker-Polito Administration distributing at least 3.5 million more free at-home COVID-19 tests

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced plans to distribute another 3.5 million free at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests and personal protective equipment (PPE) for municipalities and community organizations to make available to residents across the Commonwealth. This latest distribution builds upon the successful distribution of nearly 30 million at-home tests to a range of settings across the Commonwealth over the last year.

Municipalities may request to receive tests, KN95 masks, surgical masks, face shields and nitrile gloves to combat the spread of COVID-19 and should expect to receive a link to request these items through an email sent to their local board of health today. The Commonwealth is also making these tools available to other settings and organizations including day programs, councils on aging, community-based organizations, health care providers, providers of affordable housing for seniors, Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) and assisted living residences.

"Over the past several years, we have partnered with communities to make sure residents can access the tools needed to man-

age COVID-19, like rapid antigen tests," said Governor Charlie Baker. "These tests build on the availability of vaccines, boosters and therapeutics, all of which are widely available across Massachusetts."

"We have been pleased to work with municipal leaders to expand access to free COVID-19 rapid antigen tests and PPE," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Local officials know their communities best and have played an important role in getting these resources into the hands of those who need them."

"By expanding access to tests through the places where people regularly visit, and to municipalities who know their communities best, we will ensure that all Massachusetts residents have access to free tests and PPE to mitigate the spread of COVID-19," said Secretary of Health and Human Services, Marylou Sudders. "Everyone can continue taking steps to help manage COVID-19 — including staying up to date on vaccines, staying home when sick, and wearing masks as needed."

Since December 2021, the Baker-Polito Administration has distributed nearly

30 million rapid antigen tests to Massachusetts residents through municipalities and a broad range of educational, health, human services, food access, shelter, correctional, senior, low-income housing, and other community-based organizations. Today's announcement marks the latest step in the Administration's effort to provide residents across the Commonwealth with the tools needed to manage COVID-19.

Applications will be available to municipalities and eligible settings and organizations, with tests and PPE distributed while supplies are available. Every test shipped to municipalities in this distribution has an expiration date that has been extended beyond the date printed on the box, until at least June 2023, per the FDA. Further extensions are possible and will be posted at [ihelthlabs.com/pages/news](https://www.ihelthlabs.com/pages/news).

Massachusetts is a national leader in vaccination rates with over 84 percent of eligible residents fully vaccinated and over half of adults boosted. The Department of Public Health advises residents to observe the following protocols to protect themselves and their

loved ones from COVID-19:

- **Get vaccinated and stay up to date.** The best protection against COVID-19 is staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines. That means being fully vaccinated and getting a booster. Fully vaccinated people are much less likely to get sick or spread the virus that causes COVID-19, especially if they have their booster shot. Learn more at [mass.gov/CovidVaccine](https://www.mass.gov/CovidVaccine).

- **Take a test for COVID-19.** Testing for COVID-19 is widely available, including at-home rapid tests. Get tested if you have symptoms. Learn more at [mass.gov/GetTested](https://www.mass.gov/GetTested).

- **Get treatment.** If you test positive, talk to your doctor right away about treatment options that are available for people who have mild to moderate symptoms.

Learn more at [mass.gov/CovidTreatments](https://www.mass.gov/CovidTreatments).

- **Stay home when you are sick.** Staying home helps prevent the spread of illness.

- **Mask up if you need to.** Learn more at [mass.gov/MaskUpMA](https://www.mass.gov/MaskUpMA).

- **Enable MassNotify on your smartphone.** Learn more at [mass.gov/MassNotify](https://www.mass.gov/MassNotify).

- **Wash your hands.** Wash

your hands often with soap and warm water. Or use hand sanitizer with at

least 60% alcohol.

Learn more at [mass.gov/CovidVaccine](https://www.mass.gov/CovidVaccine).

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 3, 2023 at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-28 and Parking Relief Special Permit #22-05. The application is for the amendment of the previously approved conditions for Site Plan Review and Parking Relief Special Permit regarding the use of the parking lot prior to the completion of all work. Said property is located at 99 Fordham Road and shown on Assessor's Map 99 Parcel 135.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #22-04, plan entitled, "Plans to Accompany Special Permit — Upton Crossing" dated November 15, 2022, prepared by Todd P. Morey, P.E., Beals Associates Inc., 2 Park Plaza, Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116, and Poblacki Sign Company, LLC, 4 Industrial Park Road, Medway, MA 02053, submitted on December 5, 2022. The application is for the installation of two (2) industrial freestanding signs, each being 49.53 sq. ft. when only one (1) 50 sq. ft. freestanding sign is allowed per lot. Said property is located at 38 Upton Drive and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 3, 2023 at 8:55 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-27, plan entitled, "DISH Wireless L.L.C., Project Information, BOBOS00656A, Crown Dish BU#806612, 625 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887"; dated December 27, 2021, last revised November 16, 2022, prepared by Daniel P. Hamm, P.E., Hudson Design Group LLC, 45 Beechwood Drive, North Andover, MA 01845. The application is for the installation of three (3) panel antennas, six (6) RRUs, one (1) metal platform, and other associated utilities & groundwork. Said property is located at 625 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 40 Parcel 2A.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Terence Boland, Chair
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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **December 21, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a NOI application filed by John G. Crowe Associates, Inc. on behalf of Raytheon Technologies, Inc. for the replacement of two culverts within wetlands, Bank, Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, and/or buffer zones associated with said wetland resource areas.

The property subject to this application is located at **100 Apple Hill Drive, Tewksbury, MA, Assessor Map 38 Lot 2.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner
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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 3, 2023 at 9:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-26, plan entitled, "DISH Wireless L.L.C., Project Information, BOBOS00226A, Crown Castle BU#875010, 377 Ballardvale, Wilmington, MA 01887"; dated November 22, 2021, last revised November 17, 2022, prepared by Daniel P. Hamm, P.E., Hudson Design Group LLC, 45 Beechwood Drive, North Andover, MA 01845. The application is for the installation of three (3) panel antennas, one (1) antenna platform mount, six (6) RRUs, one (1) metal platform, and other associated utilities & groundwork. Said property is located at 377 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R3 Parcel 50B.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD

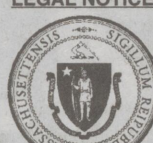
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 3, 2023 at 7:40 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Definitive Subdivision Plan #22-02, plan entitled, "Definitive Subdivision, Rollins Road/Pembroke Street/Tobin Drive, Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated December 7, 2022, prepared by Andrew M. Pojasek, P.E., and Gregory R. Corcoran, P.L.S., Dana F. Perkins, Inc., 1057 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876. This subdivision is for the improvement of the existing roadway and one (1) house lot. Said property is located at 6 Tobin Drive and shown on Assessor's Map 16 Parcel 22A.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P6247EA

Estate of: Paul Joseph Legere
Date of Death: 10/22/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Jordan A. Legere of Wilmington MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Tara K. Wilson of Andover MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/04/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 07, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **December 21, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for an RDA application filed by Richard Bautz for the clearing of vegetation and potential construction of a shed within the wetland buffer zone.

The property subject to this application is located at **195 Helvetia Street, Tewksbury, MA, Assessor Map 60 Lot 161.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **December 29, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876** on an application filed by **MaryEllen Cooper**, for a variance under Sections 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for a rear yard setback to construct a 13.7' x 10' deck as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **120 Starr Avenue** Assessor's Map 100, Lot 18 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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OBITUARIES

Kathleen (Dwyer) Anderson

Enjoyed word games, especially Scrabble

Kathleen (Dwyer) Anderson, of Wilmington, formerly of Medford, passed away on Dec. 12, 2022. She was 65.

Kathleen was the devoted daughter of Francis and Barbara Dwyer, beloved wife of Denis Anderson, dear sister of Ann Marie Dwyer, Claire (Dwyer) Finks and husband, Thomas, and the devoted aunt of Emily Finks.

Kathleen (Kathy) was retired from Raytheon. She loved jigsaw puzzles, crocheting, all kinds of crafting and word games, especially a rousing game of Scrabble.

She felt blessed to have

had the opportunity to travel to Lourdes.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made in Kathleen's name to the Spaulding Adaptive Sports Centers, Spaulding Rehabilitation Development Office, 300 1st Ave, Charlestown, MA 02129.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main Street (Rt. 38), Wilmington



ton at noon. Interment will take place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Elena M. Carnabuci

Owned electrology practice

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Elena M. Carnabuci on Nov. 28, 2022.

Elena was born on Dec. 21, 1938, in Boston, to the late Matteo and Teresa (Cellozzi) Palange, proud Italian immigrants.

She was raised in East Boston where she met our dad Anthony, her rock. They moved to Wilmington in 1969 to the home and the town that they loved.

Elena was a graduate of East Boston High School, Eleanor Roberts Institute and Catherine Hinds School of Aesthetics. She never stopped learning!

Elena was the proud owner of her electrology practice and of the work she did for the clients she

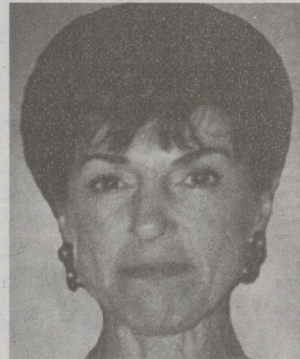
served.

Elena was the beloved wife of the late Anthony Carnabuci, devoted mother of Renee McLaughlin and her husband Michael of Chelmsford, Lynne Harrison and Ron Biskin of Delray Beach, FL and Krista Floramo and her husband Ricky of Lynnfield.

She was the loving "Nana" of Zoe, Ethan, Isabella and Francesca, dear sister of Mathew Palange of Winthrop, the late Elisa O'Neil, Esther Gentile, Albert Palange and Gloria Girard.

Elena is also survived by her former son-in-law Todd Harrison, her godchild and niece Maria Eleana Norcott, as well her many special nieces, nephews, and their families.

At Elena's request her



Funeral Services were private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Elena's memory to the Home For Little Wanderers, 10 Guest St., Boston, MA 02135.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Peter A. Graziano

'Jack of all trades' loved helping everyone

Peter A. Graziano, of Antrim, NH, formerly of Woburn and Tewksbury, passed away unexpectedly in an auto accident on Dec. 1, 2022, in Athens, New York.

Peter was born on May 20, 1951, in Winchester; he was the cherished son of the late Anthony J. and Jennie-Sara (Rambello) Graziano.

Peter was raised in a large and loving Italian family in Woburn; he attended Woburn Public Schools and graduated from Woburn High School with the Class of 1969.

Peter married his "high school sweetheart" and his life-long best friend, Joanne Vasconcellos, on June 30, 1973. Peter and Joanne moved to Tewksbury, where they had their three children.

Family was everything to Peter. He and Joanne raised three loving and caring children and enjoyed spoiling their nine grandchildren. Family time was always filled with love, laughter, and many memories.

Peter had an incredible work ethic that he carried throughout his life. He started his career as a professional bonded truck driver employed at Walpole Woodworkers in Wilmington during the day and at Purity Supreme at night.

After leaving Purity Supreme, Peter drove for Shaw's Markets, where he retired. Peter was well respected by his co-workers and made many life-long friends throughout his career. Peter continued to drive one day a week after he retired from Shaw's.

Peter also worked part-time for MTV Solutions.

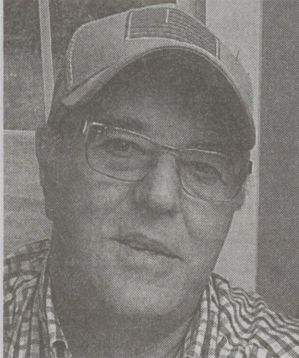
Peter was known to be a "Jack of all trades" who knew little about everything and was always the person you called when you needed help fixing something. He took pride in everything he did and was always very calm and even-keeled, no matter the task or situation.

Whether you were family or a friend, Peter would drop everything to help, no questions asked. With his many talents and wisdom, Peter built their family home in Antrim, NH, alongside family and friends. Their home was where all were welcome, and many great times were shared.

Peter will be fondly remembered as a selfless man. Moreover, a loving, generous, provider, and devoted family man and friend. He was an incredible role model for his children and grandchildren; he taught them the importance of hard work and how to treat others and instilled strong family values.

Peter was the calmest and most levelheaded person. He lived by his motto, "stay calm and think positive." Peter touched so many throughout his life and will forever be loved and missed by all who knew him.

Peter was the beloved husband of Joanne Graziano, devoted father of Peter Graziano, Jr. and his wife Jody of Wilmington, Paula Hogenmiller and her fiancé Brian Johnson of Orange City, FL., and David Graziano and his wife Andrea of Tewksbury. Loving "Papa" of Alexa,



Alivia, Anthony, Chloe, Dante, Matteo, Giacinto, Vincenza, and Antonia.

Peter was the dear brother of Jean Irwin and her husband Joe of Wolfeboro, NH, formerly of Wilmington, David Graziano of Woburn, and the late Anthony Graziano.

He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 4 - 8 p.m. A Service to Celebrate Peter's life will take place at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 11 a.m., followed by his interment in Calvary Cemetery, Winchester.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Peter's memory to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016 (web address at <https://www.kidney.org/>) or the Ronald McDonald House Charities Inc., 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263 (web address <https://rmhc.org/>).

To leave a message of condolence, please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Patricia (Gardner) Vayo

Volunteered at Abundant Life Christian School

Patricia (Gardner) Vayo, age 86, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Dec. 12, 2022.

Patricia was born on Aug. 24, 1936, in Farmington, New Hampshire; she was the cherished only daughter to the late Uel A. and Dorothy (Gray) Gardner.

Patricia was raised and educated in Farmington and was a graduate of Farmington High School. Patricia continued her education at the Malden Business School where she met "her love" Richard Vayo.

Patricia and Richard became not only a couple but truly best friends; they married on June 29, 1957. The couple moved to Wilmington in 1965 where they raised four wonderful daughters in a household full of love and laughter.

Patricia loved her home and she made everyone feel welcomed; she had a "green thumb" and enjoyed tending to her plants, her gardens, and took pride in her yard work. Patricia also loved to bake, knit, and sew; her house was full of wonderful aromas of home baked goodies that she made for her family and friends.

Patricia was a hard worker throughout her life; she was employed for many years as the Assistant Manager of the Credit Union at the Macom Company. Patricia had a great head on her shoulders, quick wit, as well as a quiet and thoughtful presence; all attributes that made her very successful throughout the years.

When not at Macom, Patricia volunteered her

time working at the Abundant Life Christian School when it was located at the Boutwell School in Wilmington.

Patricia also opened her home as a daycare to watch the children of many teachers at the Wilmington Public Schools; Patricia had a special way about her that made everyone feel special and to this day she continued her friendships with the teachers and well as the children she cared for.

Patricia was a woman of unwavering faith and an active parishioner at the Abundant Life Church where she volunteered whenever and wherever she was needed. Patricia also met many wonderful people who attended the church as well as the school and made some great friends along the way.

In her spare time, Patricia looked forward to her day trips to Rockport, singing with her "Sweet Adeline's" group, traveling the world with her husband, family, and friends, but most of all she treasured the time she spent with her family. Patricia loved being silly with her grandchildren and great grandchildren; they were often doing crazy things and wearing crazy hats.

Patricia's family was always her number one priority; she never missed a special occasion, holiday, or a chance to be with her family who she loved deeply. Pat will forever live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Patricia was the beloved wife of the late Richard W. Vayo, devoted mother of Cheryl Johnson and her



husband Michael of Tyngsboro, Brenda Nickerson and her husband Michael of Penfield, NY, Anne Gaudette and her husband Steve of Tewksbury and Kathleen Thurston and her husband Joe of Wilmington.

She was the "Loving Mimi" of Leanne, Jimmy, Di-antha, Hannah, Victoria, Jorge, Amanda, Kaytlin, "Great-Mimi" of Adaline, Lillian, Bella and Jacob (JJ).

Dear sister of the late Uel Gardner and Steven Gardner. Patricia is further survived by her nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends are welcome to gather for Visiting Hours on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington. A Service to Celebrate Patricia's life will take place at the Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Patricia's memory to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan St., Danvers, MA 01823.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com



52 TMHS seniors recognized as Adams scholarship recipients

52 TMHS seniors were recognized as 2022 John and Abigail Adams scholarship recipients at the recent Tewksbury School Committee academic achievement awards at the high school. The scholarship is a merit-based program that provides a credit toward tuition for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. For this scholarship, merit is based on student scores of proficient or advanced on the 10th grade Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)

test in English Language Arts, Mathematics, or STE (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics or Technology/Engineering). Credits from \$700 to \$1,700 may be applied toward tuition depending on the university.

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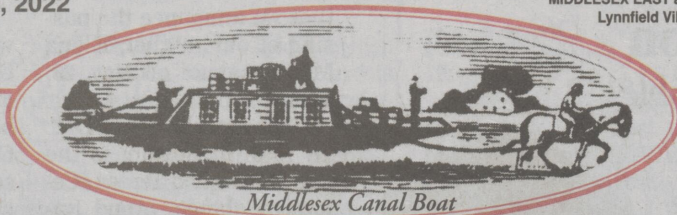
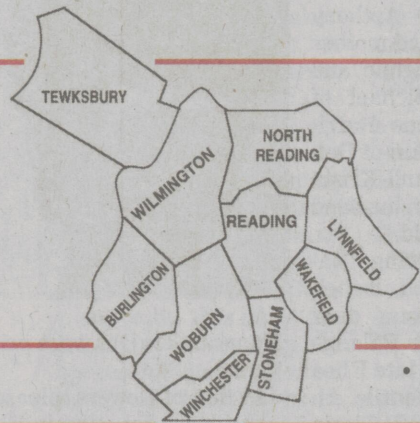
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Tewksbury closer to retail marijuana but not there yet

By RYAN LAROCHE

As marijuana becomes more and more popular in Massachusetts, more and more communities are devising ways to bring marijuana establishments into their backyards. Some local communities, like Billerica, have already done so, as a shop opened up on Route 3 near the Bedford line and the Billerica House of Corrections.

Other communities, like Woburn, remain in the development process. However, one community recently cleared a very important hurdle thanks to a vote of Town Meeting back in October. But getting a marijuana business into town next year might still be a bit too ambitious.

Tewksbury voters approved a zoning bylaw and general bylaw change to allow for the sale of retail marijuana in town. This comes after a ballot question passed during the presidential election in the fall of 2016 allowing for the sale of marijuana in the state. Although the question failed



(by a fairly slim margin) in Tewksbury, enough time passed and residents apparently exhibited a change of heart.

The article passed at special Town Meeting back in October caps the number of retail marijuana licenses in Tewksbury to 20 percent of the number of off-premises liquor licenses. As of now, this means Tewksbury's Select Board will have the authority to grant up to three retail marijuana licenses (this assumes the attorney general's office makes no changes to the bylaw passed in October; the AG's office has 90 days to approve, disapprove and/or comment on any change, or the ability to re-

quest up to a 60-day extension).

The article also sets general compliance requirements for marijuana retailers, including maintaining a host community agreement, adhering to all state and local laws, and engaging in patron age identification. The article places licensing power with the Select Board.

In a way, it acts like a liquor license: an applicant must go before the Select Board to receive the license and it must get renewed each year.

For the retail marijuana license, a second article updated the town's zoning bylaws to allow for it in four zones: South Village Busi-

ness District (Market Basket to the Wilmington line), General Business District (Lowell line to 655 Main St.), the Industrial 2 District, and the Interstate Overlay District.

During Town Meeting, a resident proposed an amendment blocking the sale of marijuana in the South Village Business District, arguing the district is too residential to allow marijuana sales. The amendment was defeated.

A third article passed at Town Meeting proposed a

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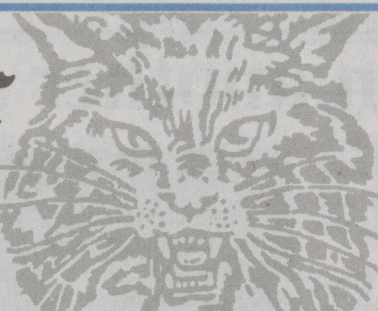
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WHS Wrestling Preview

New coach, wrestlers, to pin down team's goals

By JASON COOKE
Sports Correspondent

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WILMINGTON- It is the start of a new season for the Wilmington High School wrestling program, and in the Wilmington gym on team picture day, members of the team were seen wiping the dust off their uniforms and preparing for another long winter athletic season.

One of those faces in the crowd of winter athletes awaiting their picture to be taken was first-year head coach Kevin Riley.

Although Riley is new to the title of head coach, he is no rookie in the wrestling world. The Billerica native wrestled at Shawsheen Tech in the 80s and was a Division I North Sectional Champion. Riley credits Mark Donovan for the development of his passion for the sport.

"I go back to Mark Donovan at the Shawsheen Tech in the 80s," said Riley of the late coach. "My first year (in wrestling) was his first coaching year."

As a coach, Riley was an assistant at Salem High School and later joined the Wilmington program as an assistant when he moved to the town in 2001.

For a team that graduated eight seniors last season, Riley has a lot of work to do to get his team ready for competition. However, he is not worried about the group he has.

"We graduated eight seniors (and) most of the lineup graduated last year so we are very young," admitted Riley. "We did a lot of recruiting in the off season, and we would like to get the numbers a little bit higher than they are right now but the kids we have in the room right now I'm really happy with, they work hard."

The Wildcats will be led by junior captain Julien Cella in the 145/152 weight class, a returning sectional champion. Cella was previously voted captain by his teammates last year, and Riley plans to roll with Cella as the lone captain for now.



The WHS Wrestling season opens this week and the team will look to the lone captain Julien Cella (far left) and the three seniors, Michael Ings, John Consorti and Ryan Watson to lead the way on and off the mat.

(photo by Eric Canha)

"I'm kind of standing back and seeing if anyone else kind of rises up to the top to make an assistant at some point," said Riley. "I got some ideas, I don't think he's going to be alone the whole season, but as of right now, that's our leader."

Besides Cella, the Wildcats are only returning four athletes in juniors Dempsey Murphy (195/220), Nickolas Lascone (145/152), Amilcar Valdivieso (195/220), and Braedon Almas (132/138). Riley acknowledges the lack of experience, but is hopeful in his squad.

"We have a lot of potential talent in the room right now," said Riley. "Not a lot of experience, which is great (because) they are very coachable and we do have a couple kids coming back."

Riley is taking in a total of nine promising newcomers to the squad this season, including four seniors in John Consorti (220/285), Michael Ings (195/220), Kevin Sanchez (138/145), and Ryan Watson (160/170).

The team is welcoming three juniors in Hannah Bryson (126/132), Clyde Lambert (170/182), and Evan Woltag (138/145).

There are two freshmen

that include Mason Kwiatkowski (113/120) and Jonathan Panatta (285).

Out of that group, there is one name that initially stands out to Riley—Hannah Bryson. Bryson is stepping on to the mat this year as the first female wrestler in the history of the program, and Riley is proud to be a part of history.

"We also have our very first female wrestler in the school's program, so we're very happy for her," said Riley. "She doesn't know it, but I am a father of three daughters, and she doesn't even know my daughters but they are all rooting for her."

After a solid 10-10 record in the competitive Middlesex League last season, Riley understands his team is doubted due to their losses, but he is ready to surprise.

"We're very optimistic, we got a couple of kids in our lineup nobody's heard of," admitted Riley. "They are going to know them by the end of the season. So we are really excited about that."

Regardless of winning and losing, Riley was able to take a step back and remember the late Mark Donovan in a full circle moment.

"It's my first year (and) it's a lot of these kids' first years, so I kind of feel like I'm back in 1986 with Mark Donovan again and we are starting this journey together, so I can't wait," said Riley.

Looking ahead to their season schedule, Riley immediately points out an approaching test for his team coming next weekend in the Sons of Italy Tournament.

"We host the Sons of Italy tournament which is next Saturday, we got 18 teams coming, we got teams coming from out of state, we got really good teams coming (like) the (Shawsheen) Tech, North Andover, Melrose, some really good programs coming and some good action next week. I'm looking forward to my kids seeing that and I'm hoping they can compete real well and go deep in it," said Riley.

Despite what happens this season, Riley is here to embed a winning culture in Wilmington for the near future.

"As a first time head coach I'm looking at the long term picture," said Riley. "Last year's team was made up mostly of seniors. We are an inexperienced team with great potential (and) I'm look-

ing forward to working with these kids as they progress and start something special. This program has seen four different coaches in four years and I don't plan on next year there being a fifth."

SEASON OPENER

On Saturday, the Wildcats kicked off their season at the Gloucester Quad meet, where they went 0-5 on the day against Whittier, Excel Academy, Nashoba Tech, Gloucester, and Essex Tech/Masco Co-Op.

Julien Cella and Nickolas Lascone led the way, winning in every single one of their matchups.

In the first match of the day with Whittier, two Wilmington wrestlers picked up points. Julien Cella (152) and Nickolas Lascone (160) both took their opponent by a score of 6-0. Cella defeated Oskar Fryberg, and Lascone topped Anthony Midolo.

Against Excel Academy, Cella and Lascone were the point scorers again, where Cella was victorious over Luke Etheridge, and Lascone over Rafael Maya.

More Wildcats pitched in on the effort in a close

loss to Nashoba Tech by a score of 42-30.

For the third time of the day, Cella and Lascone were again winners in their respective matches, beating Dylan Brzezowski and Caio Saraiva.

Clyde Lambert (182) was unopposed in his match, and Elijah Valdivieso (220) and Jonathan Panatta (285) each took 6-0 wins over Ken Leonard and Sam Moustafa.

The Gloucester match produced three winners for Wilmington, where Cella and Lascone took home their fourth wins of the meet by a score of 6-0 over Zachary Hashley and Tyler Nicastro.

Mason Kwiatkowski (120) also took down Nathan Gonzalez 6-0.

Cella and Lascone finished up 5-0 days against Essex Tech/Masco Co-Op with wins over Greg DeRochemont and Jackson Haugh.

Kwiatkowski and Lambert added their second wins of the day over Alejandro Rave and John Rapisarda both by scores of 6-0.

The Wildcats look to get back on track this week with a meet at Melrose on Wednesday and the annual Sons of Italy Tournament on Saturday.

SOI TOURNEY

The 34th annual Wilmington High School Sons of Italy Wrestling Tournament will be held on Saturday, December 17th at the Shriner's Auditorium. Wrestling is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9 am with finals also tentatively scheduled for 5:00 pm. Results can be found at Flowrestling.org.

The meet will feature 18 teams including the host Wildcats, as well as Tewksbury, Shawsheen Tech and Central Catholic. Other schools include Brookline, Canton, Dedham, Duxbury, Essex Tech/Masconomet, Gloucester, Melrose, Mount Hope, Natick, North Andover, Salem, Saugus/Peabody, Whittier Tech and Winchester.

Better team chemistry the key for the Wildcats and Spartans

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STONEHAM -- The Stoneham-Wilmington girls' hockey team kicked off the 2022-23 season this week, unveiling a new look roster that is largely comprised of freshmen skaters and with that, an irrepressible enthusiasm and outlook for the endeavor ahead.

Last year, due to diminished interest and lack of recruits, the futures of the girls' hockey programs at both Stoneham and Wilmington high school were uncertain. Facing cancellation, school officials met to discuss options. The obvious choice was to follow the example of nearby Peabody, North Reading, and Lynnfield, a trio of communities that a decade ago, resolved a similar shortfall by launching a cooperative format. The combined team, made up of former rivals, overcame obstacles and has since enjoyed great success.

The same could be said for Stoneham and Wilmington. Admittedly, the girls from each program did not get along in the early days. Literally overnight, the former adversaries were asked to

recast themselves as teammates. Co-coaches John Lapiana, of Wilmington, and Cassandra Connolly, of Stoneham, were tasked with not only preparing the players for the rigors of the season ahead but also melding two distinct hockey teams into one.

"That first summer as a cooperative team, we did strength and conditioning just to get the girls familiar with each other," recalled Lapiana. "We wanted to create the team and the team bond."

The efforts of Lapiana and Connolly yielded results. Last year, Stoneham-Wilmington girls' hockey wrapped up the regular season with a respectable 9-12-1 overall mark and qualified for the MIAA Division 1 Tournament. Entering the post-season as the No. 22 seed in a field of 32 teams, Stoneham-Wilmington upset No. 11 Methuen/Tewksbury in the opening round, 2-1. No. 6 Shrewsbury proved too much, however. Stoneham-Wilmington suffered a 5-1 defeat and saw their tournament run and season come to a close.

"This year, there's much more a sense of community," said Lapiana, when

asked if he and Connolly had fully eliminated the friction between the teams, now in their second year. "There's much more a sense of one group and one team."

As the current season gets underway, there is an obvious desire to run deeper into the playoffs and perhaps, pay a visit to the Boston Garden to vie for a State Championship.

"I think we're going to do an amazing job this year," said Wilmington senior forward Katelin Halley, who contributed four goals and six assists last season. "Overall, I think we're going to be really good, hopefully good enough to have a chance to go to the Garden."

Senior Co-captain Gabby Daniels, whose offensive output last year consisted of five goals and three assists, echoed the sentiment regarding the post-season.

"In our first year, our teams didn't really like each other," said Daniels. "Before we came together as a team, I never would have imagined it could happen. Now we all work so well together which I think will have an impact and get this team to the Garden."

Out of the gate,

Stoneham-Wilmington has a proven goaltender at their disposal in Wilmington junior Maddie Sainato. Fundamentally sound and focused, Sainato was often the difference in close contests.

"Maddie is the backbone of this team and as much as I hate to admit it, she kept us in many games," said Lapiana. "We should be able to scheme better and play better and limit the number of clean shots on net. We work toward that and we practice that but the bottom line is some shots are going to make it to the net and Maddie gets most of them."

"Stoneham didn't have a goalie when we first came here," said Daniels. "Maddie helped out. She's so strong in net and gets better every day."

Defensively, Lapiana and Connolly will turn to the youth of the program, namely six new freshman including five Stoneham-based players and one hailing from Wilmington.

"They're a really great group of kids," said Lapiana. "They're eager to learn, they're all ears, and they're doing all the right things. They absorb everything at practices."

HOCKEY B2W



The Seniors of the WHS Girls Hockey team include Gabby Daniels (left) and Katelin Halley.

(photo by Eric Canha)

Girls hope to track down another successful season

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WILMINGTON - Last winter was the start of it - well in track terms that is. It was the start of a magical run - pun intended - with the Wilmington High School girls' indoor track-and-field team finished 5-0, were crowned league champions and finished second in both the Division 4 State Relay and Division 4 State Championship Meets.

Four months later, mostly the same core of athletes then led the Wildcats to their first ever state championship title during the spring track season.

So now less than a year removed from the terrific indoor season, head coach Joe Patrone, who took over the reigns during the middle of the winter season, knows that the team lost a handful of talented athletes and point scorers for dual meets, but thinks there's enough left in the tank to remain a contender in both the league and then hopefully come post-season time.

"We lost a lot of very good athletes to graduation but we have many talented athletes returning," he said. "Our numbers are low (only 23 girls), but with the talent that we have, we should be competitive in the Middlesex League Freedom Division."

Of the seven key seniors who graduated, all but one is competing at the collegiate level at the likes of Merrimack, Holy Cross, UVM and Springfield.

This year's captains include seniors Mallory Brown and Kayla Flynn as well as junior Molly MacDonald. Brown will compete in distance events, Flynn in the high jump and hurdles, and then MacDonald in

sprints and relays.

There's also six other returning letterwinners, including juniors Alison and Emily Doherty, Emily Grace, Mollie Osgood and Mia Stryhalaleck, and then sophomore Addy Hunt.

The Doherty sisters, as well as Grace, will see time in the sprinting and relay events and Stryhalaleck in the distance events.

Hunt is one of the premier middle to distance runners in the area, already taking home many medals in both indoor and outdoor track, while she was named the Middlesex League Freedom Division's Runner of the Year this past fall during the cross-country season.

Then Osgood finished second in the high jump at last year's state meet, only to win it during the outdoor season.

There's just four newcomers to the squad, juniors Ava Kennedy and Alexis Melvin, as well as sophomore Maddie Krueger and freshman Cate MacDonald. Kennedy and Krueger are throwers and MacDonald and Melvin will be in the sprints and relays.

WINTER FESTIVAL MEET

On Saturday, the Wildcats participated in the 'Winter Festival Meet' held at the Reggie Lewis Center. Junior Mollie Osgood had quite the day to lead the team.

"A major performance came from Mollie Osgood, who won the high jump, tying her personal best, qualifying for the Division 4 State Meet, and also qualifying for the Rising Stars portion of the New Balance Nationals with a jump of 5-2," said Patrone.

He also pointed out that Alison Doherty finished at 7.70 seconds in the 55-

meter dash, which was good for fifth place and also qualified her for the state meet.

In terms of top ten place finishes besides Osgood and Doherty, Hunt was third in the 600 in 1:48.38, Kayla Flynn was fifth in the high jump (4-9), Molly MacDonald was 8th in the 55-meter dash (7.94) and Osgood was 9th in the 55-meter hurdles in 10.41 seconds.

Also two relay teams did well. The 4x200 team of Molly MacDonald, Grace and the Doherty sisters finished fourth at 1:56.14 and then the team of Hunt, Brown, Cate MacDonald and Melvin finished sixth in the 4x400 in 4:36.91.

Additionally, Cate MacDonald was 14th in the 600 in 1:54.69, Brown was also 15th in the mile in 6:12.05, Melvin was 16th in the 300 (47.25), Emily Doherty was also 21st in the 55-meter hurdles (8.26) and Flynn was 23rd in the 55-meter hurdles in 11.23.

Rounding out the competitors include Vivian DeBlois (9.69) and Maddie Curcio (12.56) in the 55-meter hurdles, Stryhalaleck finished 27th in the mile in 6:32.73. Grace and Gabby Fitzgibbons finished 18th



The captains on the WHS Girls Indoor Track team include from left, Mallory Brown, Kayla Flynn, Molly MacDonald and Emily Grace. (photo by Eric Canha).

and 53rd in the 300 at 47.31 and 51.73. Then in the shot put, Krueger was 11th (25-01.25), Kennedy was 18th (23-04.50) and Christina

Chesbrough was 23rd (21-08.50). Wilmington will open up the dual meet season on Thursday against

Wakefield (4:30 pm) at the gorgeous New Balance Facility in Brighton.

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FROM B1W

They're listening and watching everything we draw up."

Top-scorer Lily MacKenzie, of Wilmington, accounted for 21 goals and seven assists last year as a sophomore and now a year older, will be expected to improve on that production. From the Stoneham side of the roster, Ava Krasco (5 goals, 16 assists) returns as a senior and will lend her ample speed to the mix.

Beyond the top skaters, there is a lack of offensive productivity. This group needs to ramp up their attack and find in their ranks, a few more players with a knack for finding the net. Last year, Stoneham-Wilmington suffered six one-goal defeats.

"We have girls from both towns who can score goals," said Lapiana. "Here's the thing - everybody needs to score. Everybody needs to move pucks and bodies to the net. I don't care if it goes in off their helmet, their shin pads, or their skates, as long as the puck ends up in the back of the net."

Stoneham-Wilmington opened their season in Belmont last night (results in after press time) and will travel to face Woburn on Saturday at 2 p.m.

"I would say that we over-achieved last year and I expect no less this year," said Lapiana. "I expect all of our teams to over-achieve. Anyone can beat the teams that you're better than. We need to beat the teams that are better than us."

Wilmington Boys Track team continues to take big step forward

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WILMINGTON - A year ago, the Wilmington High School Boys Indoor Track-and-Field team was in the rebuilding stage. By the end of the season, the team finished 2-3 and had some strong performances at the league and state meets, led by Jeandre Abel, who is now off and running at a Division 1 collegiate program over at UMass-Lowell.

Despite losing Abel and a handful of other scorers, this year's team brings back a lot of experience, and seems to have some depth in a handful of events.

"We have a solid core of thirteen seniors this year who have fostered a team culture of discipline and

commitment," said head coach Mike Kinney, now in his 12th season. "We lost some excellent athletes to graduation, but we have a large group of underclassmen who have been put exceptional effort in thus far.

"We have some very tough competition in our league but we should be able to do well. With a positive attitude and a strong work ethic, we are looking to peak for the post-season meets and build the program for the future."

Two of the more versatile members on the team are also two of the three captains in Jon Magliozzi and Noah Carriere. They, along with distance runner and tri-captain Roman Moretti, will be looked upon to lead the

team on and off the track.

"Jon Magliozzi and Noah Carriere have put in a lot of work in the off-season and are ready to go. Noah had a successful cross-country season and should do very well in the 600, long jump and 4x400. Jon is explosive and should do very well in the dash, long jump, and the 4x200," said Kinney.

Moretti will lead what could eventually become a strong and deep distance crew.

"The distance crew is fairly young besides Moretti, (Brayden) Gorski, and (Christian) Niceforo and have been putting a lot of mileage under the leadership of new assistant coach Brian Sheppard," said Kinney. "The young distance runners are making steady

and significant progress which should pay off in the future. Dean Ciampa and Thomas Burns will lead us in those categories along with Moretti. The star young distance runners are Gavin Dong, Jake Cronin, David Dynan, Vibhush Sivakumar, Dylan Grace, and Mike Dynan. Owen Mitchell is a smart and versatile athlete who should help us in the hurdles and mid-distance."

"Matt Steinmetz, Aidan Burke, Nick Atwater and Tyler Nguyen will be relied upon to score points

in the 300 and the 600 and be key contributors in the relays," said Kinney.

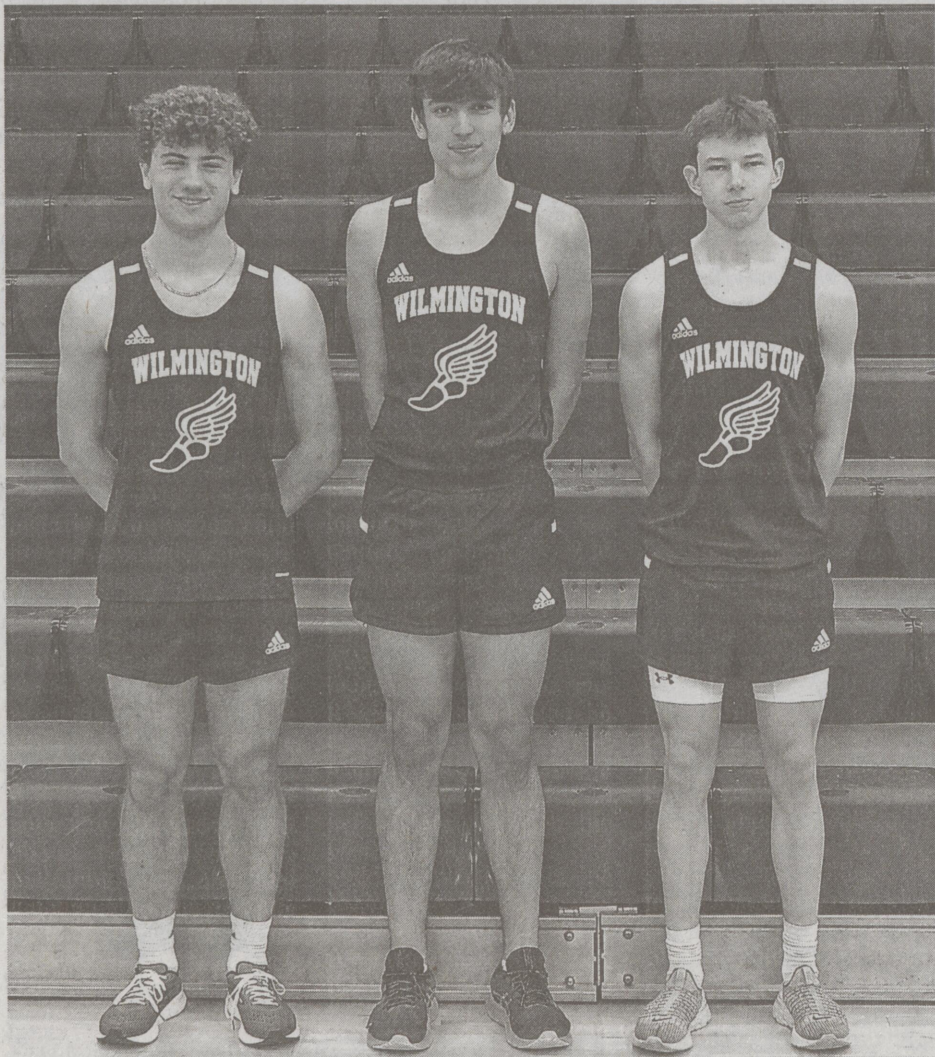
Junior Jon Foresyth will be a sprinter and sophomore Cameron Jenks also returns as a middle-distance runner.

In some of the other events, Kinney said that, "Sean Patrone is looking very strong in the high jump. Hunter Sands and Cooper Loisel should do well in the hurdles.

In the shot put, senior veterans Lucas Gorham, Braden Huddleston, and Liam Lydon have made significant progress under

leadership of assistant coach Don Wilson. They should surprise a few people this winter and spring."

Wilmington will once again compete out of the Middlesex League Freedom Division along with Wakefield, Stoneham, Watertown, Melrose and Burlington. The season kicks off this Thursday against Wakefield at the new gorgeous New Balance Facility in Brighton beginning at 4:30 pm.



The tri-captains on the WHS Boys Indoor Track team include from left, Noah Carriere, Roman Moretti, and Jon Magliozzi. (photo by Eric Canha).

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Friday	Dec 16	V Girls Hoop	vs Billerica	6:30 pm
Friday	Dec 16	V Boys Hoop	at Lawrence	7:00 pm
Friday	Dec 16	V Gymnastics	at Dracut	7:00 pm
Saturday	Dec 17	V Wrestling	at SOI Tournament	9:00 am
Saturday	Dec 17	V Boys Hockey	vs Newton South	1:00 pm
Saturday	Dec 17	V Girls Hockey	at Westford	3:00 pm
Saturday	Dec 17	V Gymnastics	at Methuen	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Dec 20	V Boys Hoop	vs Methuen	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Dec 20	V Girls Hoop	at Methuen	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Boys/Girls Track	MVC Meet at RLC	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Wrestling	vs Chelmsford	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Boys Hockey	at North Andover	7:10 pm
Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	Dec 15	Boys/Girls Track	vs Wakefield at NB	4:30 pm
Friday	Dec 16	V Boys/Girls Hoop	at Wakefield	5:30/7 pm
Saturday	Dec 17	V Wrestling	SOI Tournament	9:00 am
Saturday	Dec 17	V Girls Hockey	at Woburn	2:00 pm
Saturday	Dec 17	V Boys Hockey	at Winchester	4:00 pm
Sunday	Dec 18	V Swimming	vs Lynnfield at Peabody	3:30 pm
Tuesday	Dec 20	V Boys Hoop	at Winchester	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Dec 20	V Girls Hoop	vs Winchester	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Girls Hockey	vs Winchester	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Wrestling	at Wakefield	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Boys Hockey	vs Arlington	8:00 pm
Thursday	Dec 22	Boys/Girls Track	vs Stoneham at NB	4:30 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	Dec 15	V Boys Hockey	vs Minuteman	7:10 pm
Friday	Dec 16	V Swimming	Home Quad Meet	4:00 pm
Friday	Dec 16	V Girls Hoop	vs Lowell Catholic	5:30 pm
Friday	Dec 16	V Boys Hoop	at Lowell Catholic	7:00 pm
Saturday	Dec 17	V Wrestling	at SOI Tournament	9:00 am
Saturday	Dec 17	V Boys Hockey	at Longmeadow	12:30 pm
Saturday	Dec 19	V Girls Hockey	at Peabody	TBA
Monday	Dec 19	V Girls Hoop	vs NDA	5:30 pm
Monday	Dec 19	V Girls Hockey	vs Wakefield	8:00 pm
Tuesday	Dec 20	V Wrestling	vs North Attleboro	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Swimming	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Girls Hoop	vs Medford	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Girls Hockey	vs Newburyport	8:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 21	V Boys Hockey	at Minuteman	TBA
Thursday	Dec 22	V Boys Hockey	vs Rockport	7:10 pm

Freshman a member of the Dartmouth College Women's Hockey team

Fiorenza adjusting just fine with the Big Green

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NORTH ANDOVER-Any aspiring hockey player growing up has the dream to play college hockey at the division one level, a feat that only a small percentage of players are able to accomplish over the course of their career. For one Wilmington native, that dream was turned into a reality this fall.

Not only does Maura Fiorenza play at the Division-I level, she plays in the Ivy League for Dartmouth College, a prestigious academic university located in New Hampshire.

Last Wednesday, the freshman laced them up at a familiar rink in North Andover where she took on Merrimack College in a non-conference matchup. The Big Green were able to pull away by a score of 2-1 in a thrilling overtime finish.

The contest was scoreless all the way until just under 13 minutes to play where Dartmouth got on the board to make it 1-0. About five minutes later, the Warriors scored an impressive bar-down goal that tied it at one, sending the game to overtime. The Big Green came away victorious after a shot was deflected at the point with 3:42 remaining in 3-on-3 overtime.

The win improved their

record to 4-10 on the season, and Fiorenza was happy with the win on the road.

"It was back-and-forth a lot, at the beginning I think we had so many chances, so it was good to finally get that one in," said Fiorenza after the game. "Obviously they came back but (it was) really good to get the win heading into break. We have one more game against them so hopefully we can get the sweep."

Unfortunately, Dartmouth was not able to top Merrimack on Saturday, which puts them at 3-11 heading into a break of games.

Fiorenza is used to playing high paced hockey, as the defenseman previously closed her four year career at Governor's Academy, a highly touted prep-school program in the NEPSAC.

"I played at Governor's Academy for four years, I had a great time there," said Fiorenza. "Last year we made it to the semi-finals of the NEPSAC which was really cool. I'm still in touch with a lot of those girls who are also playing (this year). Some of the girls who graduated last year are playing division one as well like Northeastern and UNH so that's really cool."

When it came time to make a college decision, Dartmouth checked all the boxes for Fiorenza.

"I really knew that I wanted to go to a school with a great education and obviously I could get that in an Ivy League," said Fiorenza. "Coach Liz (Norton) I had known before so she was a draw for the coach as well. It was also very close to home which was really good."

The skilled, puck moving defenseman was able to step right into the college hockey game, and credits her teammates for helping her along the way.

"The pace is a lot quicker," admitted Fiorenza. "It was definitely an adjustment, but I mean my teammates are great and they totally help me through it so it's really just getting used to it and I think at this point I'm pretty used to it now." It's definitely a step up of the physicality from high school too. The girls are a lot quicker and stronger."

Fiorenza did not look like a freshman on Wednesday night, being a physical presence behind her net and winning puck battles to transition her team to offense.

Norton was proud of the way her team fought throughout the game against a solid Merrimack squad.

"I thought our start was slow and then we got our energy going, and once we played at our speed and were able to dictate pace a little bit it got bet-



Wilmington resident Maura Fiorenza in action for the Dartmouth Women's Hockey team. (courtesy photo/DU).

ter," said Norton. "For us like in the second there, we had like nine shots blocked, and ten just off target and for me that's close to twenty opportunities that are missed."

"In the third that net drive goal is huge for us and a momentum changer, and I was really proud of our kids' effort. The second effort plays (were huge and) we were relentless in all three zones and (it was) a good team win overall."

Not only was Norton proud of her team, she had high praise for Fiorenza in the win.

"I think she played really well," said Norton. "She played a thorough game, I think she's gotten better each game she's played and with more experience I think she'll be someone that we rely on in the future."

Fiorenza was one of the Dartmouth players to block a shot throughout the game, putting her body on the line to deter a scoring chance for the Warriors. Coach Norton takes no surprise to her willingness to help the team in any way possible as she applauds her selfless transition to the college game.

"I think Maura has had an excellent transition," said Norton. "I think for a freshman she came in really prepared. I think Maura's best quality is she's really coachable and she'll do anything you ask and if she's not able to do it she'll find a way. And her response, like I talk to our kids a lot about attitude and response, her attitude is excellent. It never waivers and she's an excellent teammate and her response to any situation whether she's playing a lot or a little bit, she always rises up and we know that we can

count on her for that. To me, coachability and consistency is huge and she checks both those boxes for me."

As Fiorenza is getting her feet wet into playing the most competitive collegiate girls hockey in the world, she immediately pointed to her teammates as the most enjoyable part of her experience thus far.

"Probably just getting to hang out with my teammates all the time, like it's really a great group of girls and we spend so much time together right now we are in winter so we're really just at the rink like all the time (and) it's just a lot of fun," said Fiorenza.

Fiorenza understands the opportunity she has earned for herself, and plans to take full advantage of every second.

"I think I really just want to keep improving in every way I can," said Fiorenza. "Taking in every single moment, obviously with the education and the hockey aspect. It's so cool being here, it's just insane every single day when I'm like 'wow, I'm at a division one program at an Ivy League School.'"



Wilmington resident Maura Fiorenza has fit in just fine as a freshman defenseman for the Dartmouth College women's ice hockey team. (courtesy photo/DU).

WHS Boys Hockey Preview

'Cats hoping to continue momentum after a strong pre-season

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WILMINGTON - Coming off a six-win season, the Wilmington High School boys' hockey team would like nothing more than turn those fortunes around and reach double figures in wins. That's going to be a tough hill to climb with the team's gruesome schedule, but after a terrific pre-season, certainly there's optimism surrounding this Wildcats' team.

"We have had a good pre-season. We have won all of our scrimmages (against North Reading, Methuen, Masconomet and Shawsheen Tech)," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "We're putting the puck in the net and playing pretty good overall. I know we're going to see an increase in the competition level in the next two weeks, but things were positive during the pre-season."

That increase in competition began Wednesday night against Reading, ranked No. 12 in the Division 1 state rankings, and that will be followed with a game with perennial state contender Winchester on Saturday and then No. 6 ranked Arlington next Wednesday.

"It's Murderers' Row to open the season as we have Reading, Winchester

Arlington. That's a tough chore," said Scanlon.

In order to skate, compete and hopefully defeat those Middlesex League Large School teams, it comes down to team defense, secondary scoring and of course strong goaltending.

"We've got scoring from different places which is good and we have played pretty good defense. We had a good pre-season and we're looking forward to getting started. We know the competition level goes way up, but I think the kids are ready to go," said Scanlon. "Our second and third forward lines have scored some goals and we've got a few from the point."

"If you can mix it up (you'll be better off) so you're not so reliant on that first line. It'll come down to team defense. You're not going to outscore some of these teams. You need to hang in, play good defense and see what you can do."

It's been a while since Wilmington has had a potent first line and Scanlon thinks that the combination of senior captain Nate Alberti with senior Michael Daniels and sophomore Matt O'Brien could become just that.

"They're actually explosive. Both Nate and Michael can really go and Matt can be sneaky good. For a tenth grader, he's



The lone captain on this year's WHS Boys Hockey team is Nate Alberti. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

got a nice shot and understands the game well. They'll be able to score some goals. Nate scored like two a game during the pre-season. They can blow through the zone, they are pretty good with the stretch pass and if Nate gets in alone (he can score). He can certainly bother a team,"

said Scanlon.

The second group will consist of seniors Brian Barry and Brett Ebert with junior Dan Lagunilla. The third group consists of seniors Ryan Hayden, Casey Robbins and Jason Sousa.

The fourth group consists of juniors Joey

Malvone, Adam Ebert and Jason Sousa, with senior Alex Burns in the mix.

On defense, the first group will be seniors Owen White and James Caples, the second one will be junior Bobby Cyr with freshman Collin Allard, and the third group has juniors Eric Spinney and Tyler Florencio. Also in the mix will be senior Ryan Bornstein and junior AJ Chisholm.

The last two spots will be the goalies, senior Justin Finnegan and sophomore Tyler Marinho. Last year Finnegan was the back-up and played in just a few games and now seems to have the lock on the starting spot.

After opening the season with Reading, Winchester and Arlington, Wilmington will participate in the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament, facing North Andover in the first round, and one of two New Hampshire teams in the second round. Other non-league games will be with Matignon and Tewksbury, the defending Division 2 state champs, while Wilmington is looking for one more, as currently the team has just 19 games.

In terms of the league, in the ML Freedom Division, Scanlon

believes it's wide open.

"Burlington is always tough, I think Stoneham and Wakefield should be good. We should be right in the mix. It appears to be that anyone can get anyone (on any given night) depending on who shows up."

Despite the 6-14-1 overall record last year, Wilmington qualified for the state tournament through the power rankings system and playing such tough competition. Scanlon is hoping the team can get there on its own with a .500 record or better, but also stated that since this new system has come in, he's changed his ways a bit in both sports, soccer and hockey.

"You take a different approach now with the (power rankings and the) statewide tournament. It's more important to keep the game close than (sometimes) win (or tie) the game because there's as much emphasis on winning," he said. "It's kind of weird (for it to be that way). It changed the way I approach some things in soccer. I'm not going to being pulling the goalie in some of these games (if we're trailing). If I'm within two goals, that's good (and it'll help our power rankings). (Nowadays) you don't pull the goalie when normally you would go for it."



The WHS Swim team will be led by senior captains Shae Fitzgerald and Ethan Ryan. (photo by Eric Canha).

Fifth year of co-op with North Reading Both girls and boys swim teams ready to dive into a new season

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READING/WILMING-
TON - The fifth year of
the North Reading-
Wilmington co-op boys
and girls swim programs
will kick off the Cape Ann
League schedule on
Sunday with a meet
against Lynnfield, held at
the Peabody YMCA (3:30
pm).

It's been pretty amazing,
especially from the
Wilmington side, the dif-
ference in numbers from
the start of this partner-
ship. The first year there
were six girls and four
boys from Wilmington,
and this year's team has
16 girls and 25 boys.

"I am extremely pleased
with the enthusiasm at
practices. My expecta-
tions as always are to have
individual improvement
and develop swimming
skills as well as foster
team bonding between the
schools. This is an excep-
tional group of student
athletes and it is a pleas-
ure to coach them," said
head coach Sue Hunter.

The boys team will be led
by co-captains Jonathan
Mangano of North
Reading and Ethan Ryan
of Wilmington. Last year,
Ryan won both the 100-
yard breaststroke (1:04.70)
and the 200-IM (2:10.06)
at the Cape Ann League
Championship Meet. He
went on to compete in
both the sectionals and
the states, including fin-
ishing 14th in the breast-
stroke and 16th in the IM
at the Division 2 state
meet.

"The boys are led by
Ethan Ryan, a three-time
Cape Ann League
Champion in the 200-
Individual Medley and 100-
yard breaststroke. He is
one of six seniors who
bring experience and
depth to our efforts. They
are for the most part
freestyle swimmers."

The other seniors include
Wilmington residents
Moiaid Said, Tyler
Sheehan, Dylan Tran and
Aryan Patil. At the CAL
Meet last year, Sheehan
was sixth in the 50-free
and seventh in the 100-
free, and Tran was sixth
in the butterfly and seventh
in the breaststroke.

The juniors from
Wilmington include
Mantydeas Banevicius,
Kelby Chau, Siddharth
Karani, Dat Tran and
Sarathak Tripathi. The
sophomores include North
Reading's Ivan Deiko,
along with Wilmington
resident Spencer Bagtaz.
Last year at the CAL

Meet, Bagtaz finished
third in the backstroke
and fifth in the 100-
freestyle.

The two freshmen
include Vijay Cudia and
Declan Savage.

"Last year's Rookie of
the Year Spencer Bagtaz
brings backstroke and
freestyle skills," said
Hunter. "Freshman
Declan Savage should add
to the depth of the team
and junior Dat Tran will
swim butterfly and breast-
stroke. Watch junior
Mantydeas Banevicius
(become a) surprise, in
(the) freestyle (events)."

Turning to the girls
team, there are four cap-
tains including North
Reading's Maddie Koenig,
a senior and Lauren
Feffer, a junior, as well as
Wilmington residents
Shae Fitzgerald, a senior
and Rachel Reppucci, a
junior. This is the second
year of captaincy for
Fitzgerald.

"The Girls are led by
North Reading senior
Maddie Koenig in back-
stroke and sprint
freestyle. Experienced
seniors from Wilmington
include Lindsey Kane,
Julia Kane, and Shae
Fitzgerald and North
Reading's Elise Higgins,
Manal Mouddani, along
with Koenig," said Hunter.

Like Ryan, Koenig also
placed high at the CAL's
and then competed in the
sectionals and states. At
the CAL Championship
meet, she was second in
both the 50-free and 100-
backstroke. Then at the
Division 2 state meet, she
was 17th in the 50-free in
26.15 and then 26th in the
100-backstroke in 1:04.51.

Also from the CAL Meet,
some of the other high-
lights included Gillian
Kane finishing 10th in the
200-IM, Reppucci was 12th
in the backstroke and 13th
in the 200-free.

The other members of
the team include senior
members Emma Jensen,
Julia Kane and Lindsay
Kane from Wilmington,
and then Elise Higgins
and Manal Mouddani of
North Reading.

The juniors from
Wilmington include
Katherine Murphy, Avis
Samaha, Cassie Tibbetts,
Priscilla Vo and Alyssa
Stack. The sophomores
include Emily Cronin,
Gillian Kane and
Subhangi Tripathi, all
from Wilmington.

The last three spots on
the roster are freshmen
including North Reading
resident Harshini
Gopinath and
Wilmington's Ella Dong.

New coach believes team can be a surprise

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WILMINGTON- It is a
new season for the
Wilmington High School
girls basketball team,
which means a fresh start
after a subpar 6-14 cam-
paign in the competitive
Middlesex League last
winter.

It is also a fresh start for
first-year head coach
Chris Frissore, who is
looking to make an imme-
diate impact on the redi-
rection of the program.

Although it will be
Frissore's first season
under the helm as a girls
basketball head coach, he
is no stranger to the
coaching world in
Wilmington. He previous-
ly coached girls lacrosse
as well as freshman boys
basketball, but is looking
to be a mainstay with the
girls hoop program, and it
all starts this week.

Coming into the season,
Frissore has a clear set of
goals for his team to work
towards.

"They went 6-14 last
year, I think the expecta-
tion (for this year) is to
make the tournament at
least, and I think a .500
(record) is a lowball, I
think we want to do a little
bit better than .500," said
Frissore. "There's going
to be some ups and downs
especially with the transi-
tion in coaches. Over .500
and making the tourna-
ment is where we are (in
terms of goals)."

In terms of their roster,
the team features some
young talent but also has
a healthy amount of
upperclassmen leader-
ship. Frissore is confident
those two aspects will gel
together nicely.

"It's a mix of everything,
which is kind of what you
want," said Frissore.
"There's good leadership
and then there's good
young talent."

The Wildcats will be led
by three captains in soph-
omore Eva Boudreau and

seniors Jessica Collins
and Kassidy Smith.

Wilmington will also be
relying on a number of
returning players to con-
tribute.

Sophomore
Allesandra Delgenio,
sophomore Jill Collins,
junior Shaylen
Bresnahan, junior Gabby
Kulevich, senior Carolyn
Haas-Timm, senior Bella
Romano, and senior
Annabelle Cook will look
to contribute to team suc-

Sands, and Leah Murphy.
Since the first day of try-
outs, Frissore has made
one thing clear to his
team: the Wildcats are
going to be a hard nosed
defensive unit that will be
able to put pressure on the
opposition.

"I think they are kind of
recognizing that I really
like defense," said
Frissore. "I think it all
starts on the defensive
end, making steals and

the defense and I think it
will take a couple weeks,
but I think once it clicks
we're going to be good on
both ends, but definitely
defense."

Frissore is confident his
team will be well pre-
pared for the long season
ahead. However, he real-
izes his team will be
doubted.

"(I hope that) we can
show that we are better
than people think we are,"



The captains on this year's WHS Girls Basketball team includes from left, Eva Boudreau, Jess Collins and Kassidy Smith. (photo by Eric Canha).

cess both on the score-
sheet and through leader-
ship.

The squad also features
three promising incoming
freshmen in Erin
McCarthy, Summer

then getting easy buckets
off of turnovers and steals
and all that. We've been
working on a lot of
defense and I think it's
going to be a little bit of a
transition the way I run

said Frissore. "We are
always a small school and
I hope this year we kind of
surprise some people."

Reading defeats boys team in season opener

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WILMINGTON- On
Tuesday night, the
Wilmington High School
boys basketball team wel-
comed the Reading
Rockets to Cushing
Gymnasium to open up
their 2022-23 season.

Wilmington suffered a
rather lopsided 68-47 loss,
but the scoreboard did not
reflect what unfolded
throughout the four quar-
ters.

"I thought we played
hard for the whole 32 min-
utes," said interim head
coach Jon Amico follow-
ing the loss. "I was just
saying to them, out of our
fifteen kids, essentially
thirteen of them it was
their first varsity game.
So they are very inexperi-
enced but they played
their butts off and I'm defi-
nitely proud of the way
they played."

Roughly 13 players expe-
rienced their first taste of
varsity action against a
very strong and experi-
enced Reading team.

In the opening quarter,
the Rockets immediately
jumped all over
Wilmington, where they
started 16-2 and eventual-
ly put up 22 points to
Wilmington's nine.

A large part of
Wilmington's slow start
was rebounding. The
Wildcats only secured
three total rebounds in the
opening period of play,
leading to many second
chance opportunities for a
Reading team with size.

Coming into the second
quarter, Amico's squad
settled in and was able to
get back on the glass,
securing eight total
rebounds. Juniors Austin
Harper and Noah Spencer
started a jolt for
Wilmington on the boards,
out working the lanky
Reading centers for pos-
session.

"We needed rebounds
obviously - we were get-
ting killed on the glass,"
admitted Amico. "So we
had to go a little bit bigger

there (with Harper and
Spencer). We obviously
don't have the 6'5", 6'6"
kids. But they are athletic
and they play hard."

The Wildcats were able
to cut the deficit to 13
going into halftime.
Junior Ben Marvin (nine
points) led the way for the
Wildcats in that first half,
along with Spencer (six
points) and Harper (five
points).

The third quarter is
where Reading started to
take ultimate control of
the ballgame. Senior
Jesse Doherty led the way
for the Rockets with 24
total points in the contest,
as he was a problem for
Wildcat defenders all
night. The long, quick
guard was effective at fin-
ishing in transition and
when left open, would

knock down the three ball.

Ben Marvin took the
challenge of guarding the
Salve Regina commit, and
held his own throughout
the game, applying con-
stant pressure to Doherty
and forcing him to take
tough shots.

Unfortunately, a lot of
those contested shots
were able to fall.
Marvin paired his defen-
sive effort with a team
leading offensive perform-
ance with 19 points,
including a pair of threes
and five rebounds.

"Marvin played good, we
rely on him for a lot," said
Amico. "We rely on him
for offense and he was
covering Doherty so he
had him on defense (and)
he busted his tail off out
there the whole game."

Marvin wasn't the only

white jersey leaving it all
on the floor. Down 20 in
the fourth quarter,
Wilmington players are
seen diving for loose balls,
laying their bodies on the
line to keep their team in
it.

"I love to see that," said
Amico. "You need that on
your team. It doesn't mat-
ter if you're up by 20 or
down by 20, you got to
play hard in this league
especially. It was good to
see that, they didn't give
up. It's good leadership
from the top all the way
down."

Junior Tiago Gomez
(five points) and sopho-
more Connor Lovell (two
points) rounded out the
scoring for Wilmington.

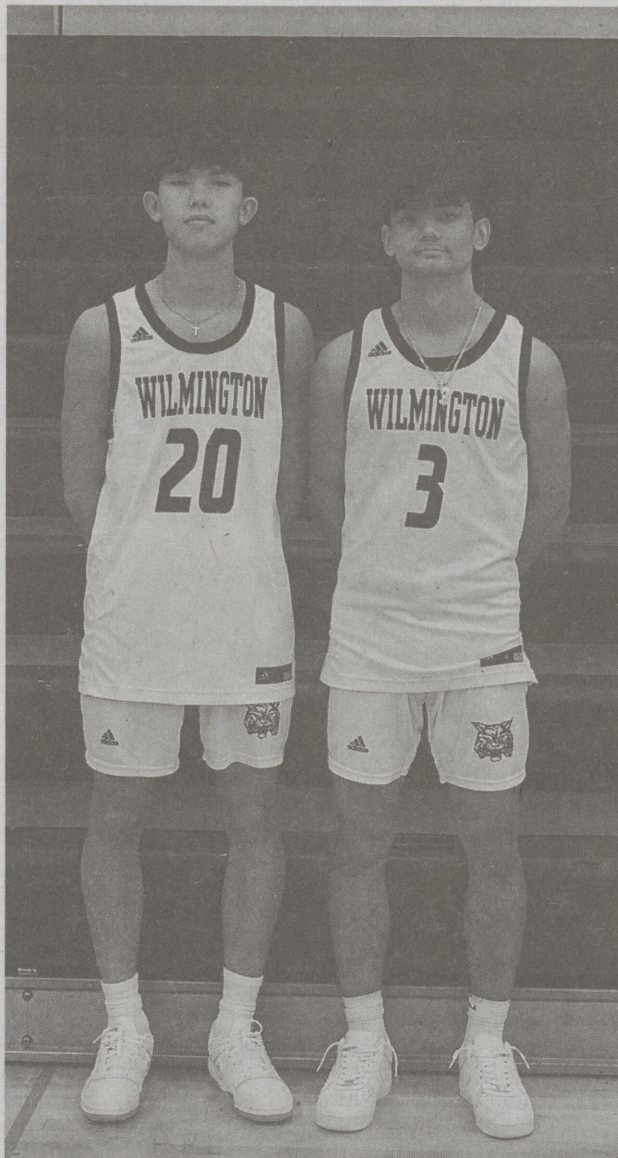
With a full season ahead,
Amico is taking Tuesday
HOOP B5W



The weather may have got colder this past weekend but Wilmington Travel Basketball's 4th Grade Girls really heated up with two big win's on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday the Wildcats defeated Reading with a huge second half push and Sunday a nail biter over Beverly 19-18. The girls in their first month of the season have a very impressive combined overall 5-2 record participating in The River Valley League. The girls will have the honor of participating Tuesday December 20th during halftime of Wilmington High School Girls varsity home opener against Winchester at 6pm. The season opener is a showcase of Wilmington High School's "Past, Present, and Future" basketball family! Exciting Times all around indeed!

The team includes top row from left, Gisella DiGiovanni, Elana Guarino, Alexa DiGiovanni, Gianna Menzone, Arya Suwal and Victoria New; Bottom row from left, Kyla Pereira, Leah Hoffmann, Grace Connolly and Colette Strykowski. Missing from photo: Abby Bither.

(courtesy photo).



The WHS Boys Basketball team will be led by co-captains Ben Marvin (left) and Jacob Roque. (photo by Eric Canha).

Boys Basketball team already hit with the injury bug

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WILMINGTON- The Wilmington High School boys basketball team will lace up their shoes and step onto the hardwood this week for the first time this season, and it's safe to say they will be facing some adversity right out of the gate.

For interim head coach Jonathan Amico, it is a hard spot to step into given the amount of players lost to graduation last spring. However, due to his experience as assistant coach last season and a promising crop of newcomers, the expectations are still high.

"The Middlesex League is very tough," admitted Amico. "We lost eight seniors (and) all five of our starters from last year graduated. But I have high expectations for my team and I always will. We got a lot of good young talent."

Last season, the Wildcats were granted a waiver through the Middlesex League that would allow them to avoid playing the large schools in the league. That allowed the 'Cats to schedule six additional non-league games and the Wildcats grabbed a handful of hard earned victories.

The exemption helped the 'Cats finish with an 11-9 record and a playoff berth, where they fell to Bedford in the preliminary round.

This season, Wilmington will not be receiving that exemption, meaning their competition is going to see an increase in talent. Combine that with some early injury trouble for the Wildcats and it will project for a tough road ahead.

"I'm already down three of my starters," said Amico. "Two kids (Michael Lawler and Jacob Roque) are hurt

from football and then my center (Ayden Balter) just got hurt in practice last night and he's out a month."

Roque is currently injured from the Thanksgiving football clash against Tewksbury, and he's hoping to be back by midseason. Lawler also was hurt during the football season and is unfortunately out for the season.

Balter will be out for approximately six weeks. Amico's ideal starting five once healthy will consist of Ben Marvin, Roque, Balter junior Austin Harper, and junior Noah Spencer.

Until fully healthy, Amico expects to see contributions from up and down the lineup, including senior Shea Price, juniors Michael Oatis, Tiago Gomez, Remy Elliot, Charlie Rosa, Christian Febbo, sophomore Connor Lovell, freshmen Ryan Gray and Connor Sullivan.

Given the team's challenges, Amico wants to focus on the controllables. If he has the right attitude, he feels that will trickle down to his players.

"I don't want to come in and reinvent the wheel but definitely want to try and change the culture around here into more of a winning culture," admitted Amico. "Winning kind of starts at the top, if I come in expecting to win every game, hopefully it will rub off on these kids and make them a little more tougher, make them more aggressive, and have them believe in themselves that they can win."

The Wildcats kicked off their season on Tuesday with a loss to Reading and will take a trip to Wakefield on Friday night and will remain on the road next Tuesday to face Winchester.

'Cats defeated by Reading

FROM B4W

night as a step in the right direction for his young squad. With a game against Wakefield on Friday night, Amico knows his team will make the proper adjustments.

"Hopefully we will settle down a little bit once we get our first varsity jitters out of the way," said Amico. "For us, the (full court) press gave us some problems, but once we were able to figure it out I thought we did pretty good with that. We missed a ton of open shots. Those are going to start to fall and we got to hit the boards."

Winter Solestice 5K a complete success

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WILMINGTON -- Last Saturday, scores of area distance runners and fitness enthusiasts took part in the 5th annual SOLEstice 5K Run/Walk, staged from the Wilmington Town Common.

While many chose to hibernate on a brisk, thirty-degree morning, nearly three hundred hardy souls, or Soles if you happen to belong to the sponsoring running club, braved the elements for a 3.1-mile tour of Wilmington roadways.

Spotted amongst the throng gathered in front of Wilmington High School awaiting the start were several elves, more than two dozen competitors adorned in holiday garb, and a charming couple acting as race marshals.

"We arranged for Santa and Mrs. Claus to run in our race," said event director Kristin Vaillancourt, moments after sending the field on their merry way. "It is the second week of December and a bit cold but we brought the fun and the energy. We're community-based and we're very happy to have the community out here today."

The SOLEstice 5K has been funding scholarships since its inception in 2018. According to Vaillancourt, the popular event has raised more than \$15,000 toward that endeavor.

"We're benefiting our annual scholarship program," she said. "Each year, we award graduating female seniors in the communities that we run in, including Wilmington, Tewksbury, Billerica, and Burlington."

The Sole Sisters Running Club, which was established in 2013 by Jill Chisholm, is based out of Wilmington and provides training and support for women distance runners of all abilities, from elite to novice. Chisholm directed the first two SOLEstice 5K events before handing over the reins.

"I'm so proud of this race," Chisholm shared. "It takes a lot to put on an event of this scope. Kristin has brought it to a whole new level. This is a fun day for all and it gives us the opportunity to show the community what the Sole Sisters Running Club is all about."

Assistant Race Director Jules Palmedo was pleased with the outpouring of sponsorship offers from area businesses, including Platinum spon-

sor Fitzgerald Physical Therapy Associates, gold sponsors Olivia's Organics, Aroma Joe's, Aspen Dental, Complete Game PT, Mitchell's Fresh, Red Heat Tavern, and Tremezzo Ristorante. Among the silver sponsors were Whirlaway Sports Center, Naylor Electrical, Inc., Wegmans, and Leonardo PT. Brookside Nursery School and Perfecto's Coffee contributed as bronze level sponsors.

"We were fortunate this year," said Palmedo. "A lot of small businesses were impacted by Covid and we're grateful that so many area small businesses have been able to support us. We're also thankful for the Wilmington first responders, police and fire, for making the course safe for our participants. This event couldn't happen without them."

The race itself was highly competitive for the women. First to reach the Church Street finish line was Wilmington's Erin Lapsley, crossing in 19:02. Lapsley, a Sole Sister member, shook off a late challenge from Katrina Martin, of Cambridge, who finished in 19:06. Third woman was Assonet's Hailey Desmarais in 19:48.

"I've run this race all five years, winning it for the first time today," said Lapsley. "Around mile one, I passed four groups of girls and after taking the lead, didn't look behind me. At the end, I saw I was close to breaking 19-minutes but was just short. My personal record is 18:59."

Claiming the overall win was Peabody's Dan Vassallo who led wire-to-wire in a course record time of 15:29. Formally of Wilmington, Vassallo easily outpaced second place finisher Alex Cramer of Cambridge, who crossed in 16:00, and Beverly's David Plotkin, wrapping up the top-3 in 16:48.

"There is such camaraderie in events of this nature," said Vaillancourt. "It's a great testament to the team and the community today."

"Of all the things the Sole Sisters provide, the running is sometimes the least," added Palmedo. "Everybody comes out to support each other, whether it's for events like this, or just to support each other as people when we have members going through tough times. And also to just have a lot of fun and support the local community as a group."



the local winners of Sunday's Winter Solestice 5K included Dan Vassallo (above) and Erin Lapsley. (photos by Dan Zimmerman).



Road Race results - Wilmington finishers only

4th	Erin Lapsley	19:02	132nd	Maggie Lopes	32:08
8th	Brendan Mallon	19:29	135th	Lisa Stokes	32:29
11th	Cooper Holleran	20:01	136th	Sirrah Dobbert	32:29
14th	Ken Warren	20:11	140th	Marcia Vozzella	32:57
15th	Jackie Mahoney	20:39	142nd	Carin Bennett-Rizzo	32:57
16th	Vicky McDermott	20:40	143rd	Linda Riley	32:48
17th	Keith McDonald	20:52	149th	Cristina Warren	33:33
29th	Ally D'Amico	22:12	150th	Herb Dorazio	33:17
33rd	C. Hunt	22:46	162nd	Van Tran	34:47
35th	David Crane	23:11	163rd	Ruthann Ruwet	35:15
40th	J. Andrade-Silva	23:52	164th	Catherine Kane	35:36
44th	Christina LaChance	24:13	165th	Liz Macari	35:36
46th	Jonathan Eaton	24:50	171st	James Clifton	35:31
47th	Benjamin Harris	24:42	176th	Sarah Dixon	36:18
49th	Holly Fitzgerald	24:59	178th	Megan Fiorello	37:15
51st	Andrea Dimitriadis	25:23	181st	Evan Israelson	38:00
52nd	Alexander Danas	25:49	183rd	Jeannine Delaney	39:02
53rd	Scott Oliphant	25:31	189th	Michelle Doucet Tagliarino	40:14
54th	Jennifer Bolanos	25:27	192nd	Dale Niemi	40:38
62nd	Christy Etienne	26:37	194th	Linda Bresnahan	41:23
63rd	Alison Kalil	26:28	196th	A. Harris	42:42
64th	Daniel Buckelew	26:26	197th	J. Thomas	42:42
66th	Tricia Moss	26:50	198th	Lauren Thomas	42:47
68th	Joe McFadyen	27:03	199th	Kristin Harris	42:47
71st	Hanh Bui	27:01	204th	Santhakumar Yesupatham	43:14
78th	Joe LaChance	28:00	208th	Christine Danas	44:36
82nd	Alyssa Costantiello	28:07	210th	Carol Hilbinger	44:59
83rd	Lisa Costantiello	28:08	211th	Heidi Keogan	44:58
84th	Cathy D'Augusta	28:03	219th	Anne Clinton	47:40
88th	Juliana Moccaldi	28:41	221st	L. Harris	48:37
90th	Minda Qyrfyci	28:34	222nd	Michael Harris	48:37
92nd	Amanda Madden	28:46	223rd	Chloe Callahan	49:06
97th	L. Madden	28:45	224th	Laura Cataldi	49:06
105th	Lana Luo	29:45	230th	Dawn Kumiega	50:14
112th	Aims Coney	30:03	232nd	Jessica Weber	50:31
114th	Lynn Blanch	29:51	235th	W. Jordan	51:32
115th	Daniel Barry	30:01	236th	Katie Jordan	51:37
118th	Dan Smith	30:30	237th	Terry Myers-Coney	52:20
122nd	Amy Crane	31:16	239th	Eric Rizzo	52:32
123rd	Beth McFadyen	31:31	242nd	Christel Kittredge	54:48
130th	Christopher Villatoro	32:11			
131st	Meghan DiSchino	32:07			

Michael Ippolito Memorial Fundraiser a complete success

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TEWKSBURY - After about a month of promoting it here in the Town Crier sports pages and on social media, this past Sunday morning, the first Michael P. Ippolito Memorial Fundraising Basketball Jamboree was held at Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Through the help of the Town Crier Sports Department, Mike Ippolito's wife, Lisa and their two children Michael and Adam, as well as a long list of others who all put this together, the day was a complete success. The money brought in from the event, as well as monetary donations, exceeded our goal, and more importantly gave the Ippolito Foundation enough money to cover the six scholarships of \$500 each, which will go out to a male and a female senior athletes from Tewksbury, Wilmington and Shawshen Tech. Senior athletes can apply for the scholarships through their respective high school guidance departments. Deadline will be set for April 3rd, 2023.

The day featured four basketball games of 16-minutes each, including the girls and boys teams of Shawshen Tech and Bedford playing the first two games, and then Wilmington and host Tewksbury playing the final two games. Because the official high school season started this past Friday, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association only allowed 16-minute games. The original idea with the jamboree was to have each team play the other three teams for 16 minutes each.

All eight teams wore "Michael P. Ippolito Memorial Jamboree" t-shirts, beautifully designed by Mike and Lisa's 14-year-old niece, Bella Angiuoni.

After the second game had ended, there was a small presentation at center court, which included Adam Ippolito honoring his father with a prepared statement, as well as the entire Ippolito Family thanking the countless number of people, organizations and businesses who all made the entire day so successful and fun.

Besides the actual play of the four games, there were two 50-50 raffles, as well as a Silent Auction. Among the items for the auction included two different sets of Boston Bruins tickets, Boston Celtics and New England Patriots tickets, a Jason

Tatum jersey, a large collection of autograph items from Tewksbury's own Scott Oberg, including a jersey, a hat, cleats, three baseballs and two cards, as well as an autograph baseball by the Red Sox star third baseman Rafael Devers.

Also included were customized Cornhole Boards, many gift baskets from the TMHS Girls Basketball Boosters, the TMHS Golf, the TMHS Gymnastics, the WHS Girls Boosters and the WHS Touchdown Club. The scratch ticket basket by the TMHS Girls Basketball team was such a popular item. There were also gift certificates for fitness classes and for a nutrition coach, a four-some of golf to the Longmeadow Country Club, as well as another gift certificate to Smitty's Liquor Store in town which was packaged in with the Pats tickets.

Finally, there was a giant panoramic framed picture of the first Patriots game held at Gillette Stadium as well as an autographed baseball signed by San Francisco Giants outfielder Mitch Haniger.

All in all the day was a complete success. The teams, the coaches, the players, the fans and most importantly, Lisa, Michael and Adam Ippolito were beyond thankful, appreciative and happy to see the late Mike Ippolito, the 20-year Town Crier sports-writer, honored throughout the entire event.

The basketball jamboree is the first of two events to raise money for the scholarships. We will also be doing Super Bowl Squares - so more information about that will be on our "Town Crier Facebook page" next month.

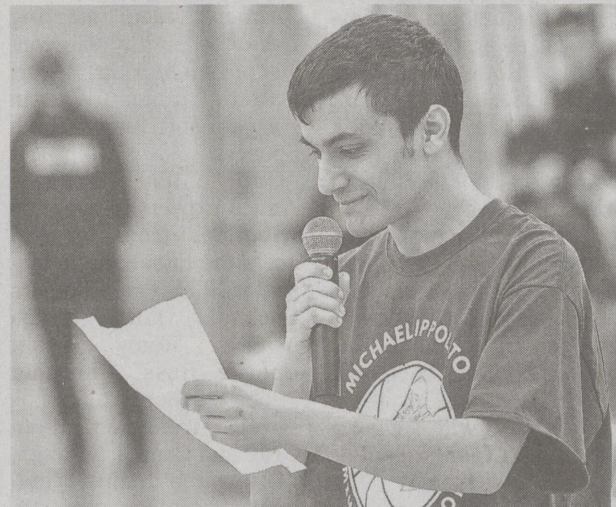
The remaining funds from the two fundraising events will go into the "Michael P. Scholarship Fund", a 501c, non-profit organization, and will be used for scholarships for the upcoming year(s). We are already discussing plans for next year's fundraising event.

Finally, in next week's Town Crier, the Ippolito Family will be sending in a release to thank the hundreds of people, who all made this event so wonderful and so successful.

The foundation is still accepting donations. If you would like to donate, you can either write a check out to: The Michael P. Ippolito Scholarship Fund and mail it to: Lisa Ippolito, 15 Heath Street, Tewksbury, Mass, 01876; or send it through Venmo at "Town-Crier-Sports".



Above the Ippolito Family, including Lisa and her sons Michael (back) and Adam, all share a laugh, and smiles during the first Michael Ippolito Memorial Basketball Jamboree held on Sunday morning at TMHS in honor of the former Town Crier Sportswriter; Below members of Mike's family including from left, Camden Angiuoni, Juliana Angiuoni, Bella Angiuoni and Kayla Armata show off the t-shirts that were made for the event. The beautiful design on the front of the shirt was made by Bella Angiuoni, who is 14 years old. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



To the left, Joe Gore greets Adam Ippolito, who above reads a statement honoring his father, and thanking everyone involved in the event. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



Above left Rebecca Harris of Tewksbury makes an outlet pass while being defender by Wilmington's Annabelle Cook; and to the right, Tewksbury's Sam Ryan drives through the lane while several Wilmington players try to block her shot, all during Sunday's Mike Ippolito Memorial Basketball Jamboree held at TMHS.

(photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Eight first-class teams participate in event



The WHS Boys Varsity team participated in Sunday's Jamboree. The team includes back row from left, Assistant Coach Nick Sullivan, Assistant Coach Tim Kelly, Head Coach Jon Amico, Connor Lovell, Ayden Balter (I didn't mess it up this time!!), Jacob Roque, Michael Oatis, Noah Spencer, Austin Harper, Antonio Smolinsky, Shea Price, Christian Febbo, Team Manager Ashton Stalker; Front row: Charlie Rosa, Ben Marvin, Remy Elliott, Michael Lawler, Tiago Gomez, Ryan Gray and Connor Sullivan; Below is the TMHS Boys Varsity team, who also participated. (courtesy photos/Mark Angiuoni).



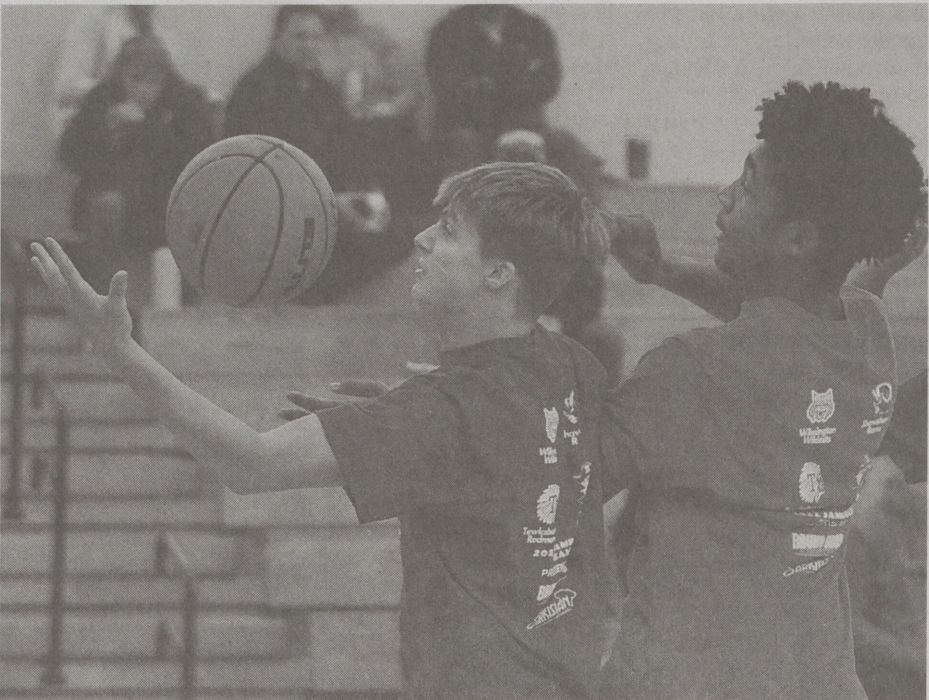
On Sunday morning, the WHS Girls Basketball team participated in Sunday's jamboree event held at TMHS; Below, the TMHS Girls Team also participated. Pictured includes back row from left, head coach Joel Mignault, Dakota Malizia, Rebecca Boudreau, Sam Ryan, Brooklynn DeGrechie, Riley Veits, Rebecca Harris and Alyssa Adams; Front Row: Emily Picher, Skylar Auth, Victoria Catanzano, Mackenzie Hickey, Victoria Lavargna and Katrina Macdonald. (courtesy photos/Mark Angiuoni).



Above are the members of the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team and above right are the members of the boys team including standing from left, head coach Joe Gore, assistant coach Bob Hodnett, players Franck Moron, assistant coach Mike Gore, Anthony Marra, Matt Breen, Aiden Macleod, Zach Rogers, Dyllon Pratt, Mavrick Bourdeau, assistant coach Greg Bendel and wrestling coach Doug Pratt; kneeling from left, Nick Palmerino (Manager), Jevon Moron, Ryan Sweeney, Ryan Copson, Blake Parrott, Lukas Poirier and Mac Boston. (courtesy photos/Mark Angiuoni).



Both the Bedford Girls and Boys Basketball teams were gracious enough to make the trip to TMHS and participate in two 16-minute games as part of the jamboree. (courtesy photos/Mark Angiuoni).



To the left, Shawsheen Tech's Jevon Moron handles the ball and above Lukas Poirier tries to grab a loose ball, during Sunday's Michael Ippolito Memorial Basketball Jamboree held at Tewksbury Memorial High School. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team includes seven local players from Wilmington including front row from left, Lukas Poirier, Brian Sweeney and Ryan Copson; and back row from left, Anthony Marra, Aiden MacLeod, Matt Breen and Zach Rogers.

Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball Preview

Rams setting the bar high

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BILLERICA - The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team is coming off quite a season.

Head coach Joe Gore, his staff and the players? They'd like to follow it up with something even better.

"We set the bar high," said Gore, an assistant coach on Shawsheen's football team that went to the Div. 5 Super Bowl. "We talked about this as a team and we really have three goals. We want to defend our league championship title, we want to defend our state vocational championship title and we're hoping to make a deeper run into the playoffs. We have a lot back, we return the league MVP, and we have a lot of talent that we're really excited about."

If Game 1 of the 2022-2023 season and the preseason is any indicator, the Rams are already making some good

strides.

Shawsheen started the winter campaign with a 65-50 win over Whittier Tech in Haverhill on Dec. 10.

In two scrimmages heading into Friday's opener, Shawsheen topped Stoneham and Billerica. The Billerica preseason game was played at BMHS in front of a crowd that was much larger than the average scrimmage.

"I know (Billerica coach) Mark Mastrullo really well, we kind of grew up together, and (the scrimmage) is great for both of us," Gore said. "We've done it for a couple of years and it's a great scrimmage. It's great work to get us both ready for the season."

In 2021, the Rams went 14-6, won the Commonwealth Athletic Conference title, won the state's vocational championship and then beat Madison Park in the opening round of the state tournament before falling to Dover-Sherborn.

Shawsheen is led by two seniors, Mavrick Bourdeau of Billerica and Aiden MacLeod of Wilmington.

MacLeod, a pure big man that got himself into terrific shape in the off-season, had 28 points in the Stoneham scrimmage and had 12 points against Whittier.

"He really transformed his body," said Gore of MacLeod. "He's come a long way. He's going to be a big part of our success."

Bourdeau, the CAC's league MVP last winter, had 25 against Billerica including a buzzer-beater to win the game.

Other top returners from last year's team include junior Ryan Copson of Wilmington, senior Gianni Zompa of Billerica and sophomore Franck Moron of Billerica. The Rams will also get a boost from returners such as sophomore Matt Breen of Wilmington and junior Ryan Sweeney of Wilmington.

Moron and Breen each

had 11 points against Whittier while Copson and Sweeney chipped in with 10 points apiece.

Gore said Breen, a 6-foot-4 shooter, his five 3-pointers against Billerica. "He has such a pure shot," Gore said.

The rest of the roster includes senior Blake Parrott of Tewksbury and three juniors from Wilmington, Zachary Rogers, Max Boston and Anthony Mara.

Sophomore Lukas Poirier of Wilmington and two Billerica freshmen, Dyllon Pratt and Jevon Moron, will split time between the varsity and the junior varsity.

Gore anticipates Lowell Catholic and Greater Lawrence as the stiffest competition for the league crown.

The Rams faced Dracut in a non-league game on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime and they will travel to face Lowell Catholic on Friday with a 7 pm start.

Girls Basketball team ready to rebound from tough season

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BILLERICA - The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team is anxious to get the 2022-2023 season going.

The Rams and new coach Samantha St. George have a few things to prove.

"Last year was one of the first years in a very long time that our program didn't make the tournament," St. George said. "That was kind of an eye-opening moment for us, so our goal for this season is to make the tournament and get back on track with that."

Last winter, Shawsheen finished with an overall record of 3-15, but improved throughout the season. In fact, the team's last victory of the year came by a 52-50 score against an Arlington Catholic team that had it last to earlier in the campaign, 55-44.

The 52 points were a season high and certainly something to build on as the year came to a close.

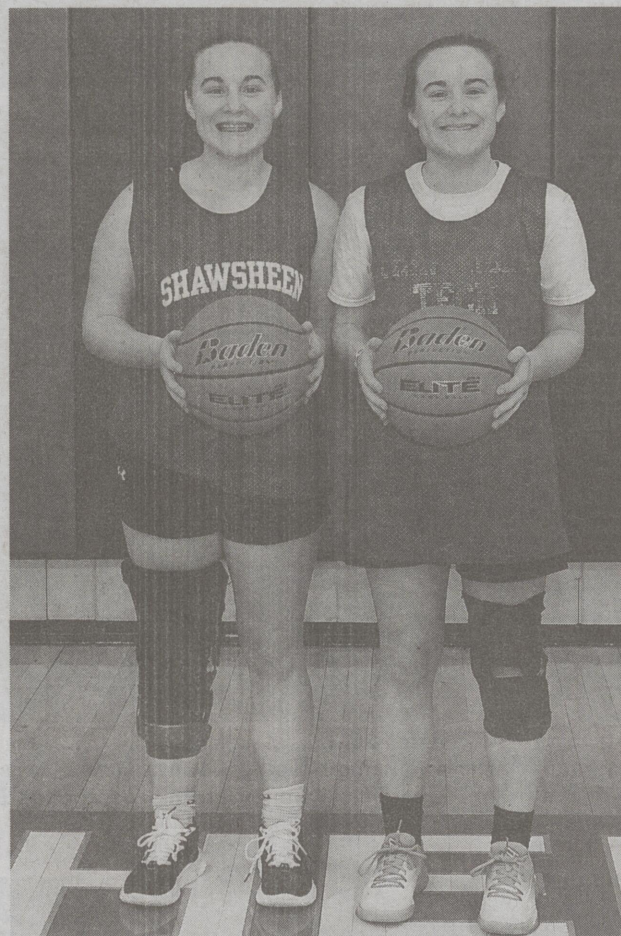
along with seniors Lindsay McCarthy of Billerica, a guard, and forward Kiley McFadden of Tewksbury. McCarthy, a sharp-shooting guard, and McFadden are also captains this winter.

"Kerry is a wonderful athlete and an even better person," St. George said. "My three senior captains are all great leaders."

Senior Mia Bisso of Tewksbury will provide the Rams with depth as a returning guard.

Junior forward Lilly Dulong of Billerica and sophomores Fiona Rexford of Billerica, the starting center, also bring some experience back to the floor.

Rounding out the varsity roster are players including sophomore Izzy Ferguson and sophomore Maddie Robitaille of Burlington, juniors Emerson and Morgan Glover and freshman Mackenzie Weatherbee of Wilmington, sophomore Krissi Macdonald of Tewksbury and senior Emma Skelton of Billerica, who is currently



The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team includes sisters Emerson Glover, left, and Morgan Glover.

"The fourth game of the season, our senior captain went out with a broken collarbone," St. George said. "We were trying to claw back the entire season. That game against Arlington Catholic was just electric. We still talk about it."

Senior guard Kerry Brown of Billerica will lead the team this season as a second-year captain

recovering from an Achilles sprain and should be back in action soon.

St. George was pleased with Weatherbee's contributions at a summer clinic.

"We were very impressed with her," the coach said. "She's a very hard worker and she's super fast. We're definitely going to try to hone in on some of those skills. She's only a freshman so she's got a lot of room for growth. We're lucky to have her."

St. George also mentioned Macdonald, who improved on the junior varsity squad last season.

"She made so much improvement last year on the JV level," St. George said. "She will definitely be a factor with us this season at the varsity level."

Shawsheen opened the season last Friday with a tight 34-32 loss in Haverhill to Whittier Tech.

"That was a tough one," the coach said. "Playing at Whittier is tough. We will get them back when we're at home. We're working on penetrating on offense and drawing fouls. We have some great outside shooters, but we're working on being able to score from all over the court, especially in the key."

Shawsheen plays its home opener on Wednesday, Dec. 14 against Lowell Catholic.

The Rams have two home games the following week, playing Notre Dame Academy on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and Medford High on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

On the ice, Shawsheen has big goals

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BILLERICA - The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team kicks off its 2022-2023 season on Thursday night at home as the Minuteman Regional Mustangs visit the Hallenborg Rink for a 7:10 p.m. faceoff.

The Mustangs are sure to have their hands full with a Shawsheen team that has plenty of firepower back from a squad that finished 16-6-1 a year ago and won two state tournament games before falling to Sandwich in the Div. 4 state quarterfinals.

"We return pretty much the entire roster from last season," said Chuck Baker, in his 17th season as Shawsheen's head coach. "We have a great attitude and seem to be ready to work. I feel if we work hard and stick with our systems, we should have a successful 2022-23 season."

While Baker is anxious to get the season underway, he's just as anxious for his squad to do its talking on the ice.

"We obviously have to go out there and work hard and win the games," he said. "We can't just think we have the games won sometimes."

The winter season is off to a good start as the Rams played preseason scrimmages against

Wilmington, Ashland and a squad from Unionville, Pennsylvania coached by the former coach at Lexington High.

Shawsheen beat Unionville and Ashland while losing a tight game against Wilmington.

Baker said the scrimmage with an out-of-state opponent was a good experience.

"The coach reached out to me in the spring and we got the ball rolling," said Baker, who also helped the Pennsylvania team line up scrimmages with several other Massachusetts opponents. "It was good. He actually said for us to come down there next year."

The Rams will have to deal with the loss of some key seniors, particularly tri-captains Ryan Dusablon and Aydan Churchill of Wilmington along with Tom Sampson, as well as goalies Tom Dalton and Joe McLaren, both of Wilmington.

This year's Rams are captained by senior forward Nick Calouro of Tewksbury with senior forward Brady Darcey and senior defenseman Kevin Ackerley of Wilmington as the assistant captains.

Darcey and junior brother Chase Darcey were Shawsheen's top two scorers from a year ago.

Senior Aiden MacLeod looks to have the early

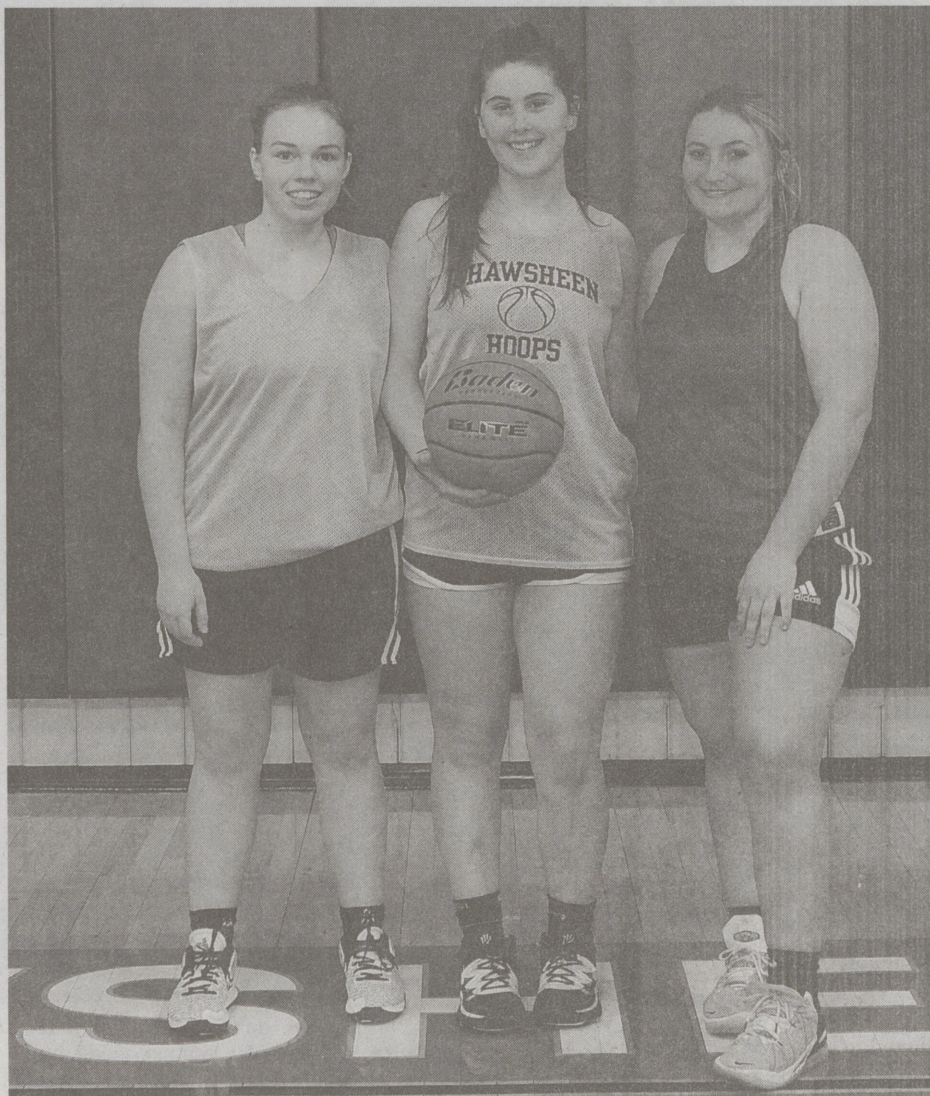
nod as this year's No. 1 goalie for Shawsheen.

Junior Derek Nazzaro of Tewksbury and senior Collin Strong of Tewksbury are the top

defensemen back for the Rams.

Other top players on offense will be junior forward Kyle Gray of

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The Shawsheen Girls Basketball team has three Tewksbury residents including from left, Chrissy MacDonald, Kiley McFadden and Mia Bisso.

Ranked as one of the top teams in NE, Grapplers have big expectations

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BILLERICA - Forgive the Shawsheen Tech wrestling team if it's a little slow out of the starting gate.

After all, 11 out of the team's 14 starters were members of the Ram football team that just finished its season on Dec. 2 with an appearance in the Div. 5 state championship game at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough.

"We're still trying to get all of the boys to where their weights are," laughed Doug Pratt, the football team's offensive coordinator and the head wrestling coach at Shawsheen. "We're all mixed up a little bit. We've only had four or five days of practice."

Shawsheen didn't look all that mixed up at Salem, N.H.'s Blue Devil Classic last weekend, placing fourth out of 18 teams.

The Rams had five wrestlers place in the top four including two champions.

Sophomore Sid Tildsley of Billerica won the championship at 138-pounds, his second straight time taking first place at the tournament. Freshman James Tildsley also was a winner, taking first at 132-pounds. James won the tournament last year in Salem as an eighth grader at Billerica High.

At 145 pounds, junior Caleb Caceres of Billerica took second place.

Junior Austin Malandain of Billerica was a third-place finisher at 220 pounds and Dante Graziano of Tewksbury took home fourth place at 106 pounds.

Shawsheen, who had 48 athletes come out for the team, is once again a big favorite to be in the mix for the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship, the state vocational crown and to make deep runs in the postseason events.

"Our team goals are to win the CAC league title and vocational state title," Pratt said. "We also want to be competing for a Div. 1 sectional and Div. 1 state title at the end of the year. We have a lot of good returning starters, with some of our experienced backups from last year, and a great group of freshmen. We are looking for bigger and better things this year. We need a couple of weeks and



The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling program has a handful of locals including front row from left, Tewksbury residents Damian Ortiz and Jason Scaringer; second row from left, Dante Graziano, Ava Brothers, Troy Warwick and Tyler Mantey, all from Tewksbury; Third row from left, Elijah LeFevere of Tewksbury and then Cullen Walsh and Dominic DiCenso of Wilmington. (photo by Mark Canha).

then we'll be in a little bit of form, but we're really young. We only have one senior in the starting line-up."

Last year, Sid Tildsley, James Tildsley, Caceres and sophomore Brayton Carbone all won state titles for the Rams and are all back on the mat. Tildsley and Carbone were the first-ever freshman state champs at Shawsheen.

Tildsley finished 60-0 and ended the year with a New England title at 132 pounds.

Carbone and Caleb Caceres also reached New England's last year.

At the Div. 1 tournament, Tildsley and Carbone were champions and Caceres added a third-place performance at 138. Tildsley also won the all-state tourney while Carbone was fifth and Caceres was seventh.

As a team, the Rams were state vocational champions last year and finished second in the league to Whittier Tech, falling by one point in the dual meet between the schools. In the Div. 1 state tournament, Shawsheen was fifth.

Other returners for Shawsheen this year are sophomore Elijah



On Saturday, the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team finished fourth at the Salem Invitational Meet. Taking home medals include from left, James Tildsley (first), Sidney Tildsley (first), Austin Malandain (third), Caleb Caceres (second) and Dante Graziano (fourth). (courtesy photo).

LeFevere of Tewksbury, senior Ben Gooltz, junior Jack Clifford, junior Jake Metcalf, sophomore Cullen Walsh of Wilmington, junior Tom Cormier, senior Troy Warwick of Tewksbury, junior Kevin Ippolito, junior Tyler Mantey of Tewksbury, sophomore Matthew Fricke, junior Michael Sullivan, junior Jason Scaringer of

Tewksbury, sophomore Anthony Miller, senior Derek Musgrave, junior AJ Canadas, junior Damian Ortiz of Tewksbury, junior John Bishop and senior Paul Kilfoyle.

The Rams also welcome several newcomers including freshman Ethan Caceres, sophomore Conner Fitzgerald, sophomore Joe Menkello, junior

Zack Blonigen, freshman Nathan Malandain, freshman Cole Brown, freshman Dominic DiCenso of Wilmington, freshman Dante Guisti, freshman Logan Holmes of Tewksbury, freshman Jake Giordano, freshman Jordan Murphy, freshman Hanna Mantey, freshman Ava Brothers of Tewksbury, freshman Gavin Gianotti and fresh-

man Ryan Jordan. Upcoming action for Shawsheen included a Wednesday dual meet against Essex/Masconomet Regional in Billerica and a Saturday trip to Wilmington for the annual Sons of Italy tournament. The Rams face Whittier on Jan. 11 at Haverhill.

Girls Hockey program hoping to make more progress this season

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BILLERICA - Kate O'Shea doesn't shy away from challenges.

A standout center for the Shawsheen Tech girls

hockey team during her days as a player a few years back, O'Shea went on to a four-year career at Nichols College, where she changed her spot on the ice from forward to defense.

Was it easy? Nope. But O'Shea made the transition.

"When the coach says we need defensemen and there's more ice time (available), you kind of

jump on it," laughed O'Shea. "Why fight with four lines of forwards?"

Now, in her second year as the head coach of the Ram squad she used to play for, O'Shea is excited for a chance to make

some changes in the Rams. Last year, the girls won only one game, but the Rams kept improving steadily throughout the season.

The Rams are once again a co-op team with Bedford High.

Two games last year against Winthrop were a perfect example of the team's progress as a December meeting was a 10-1 victory for Winthrop while a February rematch was a 6-5 Winthrop victory.

"We definitely got better," said O'Shea. "Once we got our team together, it seemed like we were getting closer. After that second game, (the Winthrop coach) said to me, 'You scared us.'"

After refusing a chance to potentially leave Shawsheen's current league and perhaps find something a little easier, O'Shea is ready to hit the ice moving with this winter's group.

Will it be easy? Nope, but that's OK with O'Shea.

"We thought (staying in the league) was a good test for the girls," said O'Shea, who works in the town clerk's office in Burlington when she isn't coaching the girls. "I thought let's try to do it again."

Eight Wilmington residents will help lead the Rams this season, a group that includes Alexis Fox, freshman Macy Savage,

Lilly Abbott, Gigi Grieco, Giana Peach, Paige Fuller, Alyssa Costantiello and Arianna Fasulo.

Tewksbury's Corrine Foley is on the squad and three Billerica residents will also skate for Shawsheen including Kelsey Giordano, Elianna Munroe and Christina Tsoukalas.

Bedford has six skaters on the team including Anna McEachern, Healy Weissman, Sophia Demeo, Olivia O'Brien, Rebecca Sobol and Violet Lorusso.

Fuller, McEachern and Fox will be Shawsheen's starting first line.

Shawsheen/Bedford will also be sparked by the trio of Sobol, Demeo and Lorusso, three eighth graders from Bedford.

Leading the way for Shawsheen's defense will be O'Brien, an eighth grader, Foley, Savage and Weissman, while Giordano, a senior, is recovering from an injury but will be one of the leaders on the blue line.

Munroe, a junior, will be the team's No. 1 goaltender.

Shawsheen already has two games in the books, a pair of losses to Beverly and Winthrop.

In a 6-3 loss to Beverly, Sobol scored all three goals for the Rams, Munroe played well in net while Fuller and Fox had assists. Lorusso also had a solid all-around game for Shawsheen/Bedford.



The Shawsheen Tech Girls Hockey team has a handful of local players, including front row from left, Corinne Foley of Tewksbury, and Arianna Fasulo, Gianna Peach and Lilly Abbott, all of Wilmington; Back row from left, Alyssa Costantiello, Paige Fuller, Alexis Fox and Macy Savage, all of Wilmington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



On the ice, Rams have big goals

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forward Matt DiZoglio. Juniors back on the ice for the Rams are forward Liam Milne of Wilmington, forward Rolland Spengler of Tewksbury, forward Keenan Considine of Wilmington, defenseman Colin Lawson of Wilmington and goaltender Mike Cedrone.

Returning sophomores include forward Dylan Higson and defenseman Larry Cullity.

The Rams will feature several new varsity faces led by senior Evan Curtis.

Four new juniors consist of goaltender Nate Medeiros, forward Dominic DiMambro and defensemen Brody Amenkowitz and Eddie Peterson.

New sophomores for Shawsheen include defenseman Darion Considine of Wilmington and forwards Zack Timmons, Ben Gibbons and Cam Splaine, all of Wilmington.

Four freshman made the varsity team including defensemen Jake and Eric Banda of Wilmington and forwards Justin Thibert and Jake Carr, both of Wilmington.

After opening with Minuteman, Shawsheen faces mostly non-league opponents to start the season.

On Saturday, the Rams have a road game at 12:30 p.m. against Longmeadow.

After another game with Minuteman on Dec. 21 at Valley Sports Arena in Concord, Shawsheen has four consecutive non-league games against Rockport on Dec. 22, Methuen on Dec. 30, Haverhill on Jan. 5 and Hamilton-Wenham on Jan. 7.

Shawsheen's toughest Commonwealth Athletic Conference test in recent years has come from Essex Tech, who shared the league title with the Rams two years ago and won the league crown last year.

Shawsheen and Essex play in Billerica on Jan. 16 at 12 p.m. before a Feb. 4 road game against Essex at 12:10 p.m. at the Essex Sports Center.

Wilmington 7th Grade hoop team comes away with a win

The Wilmington 7th Grade Boys Blue team picked up their second win of the season Saturday with a 44-30 victory against Chelmsford, a team that went 3-0 against the Wildcats last year.

Wilmington jumped out to a 22-2 lead to start the game by creating several turnovers and executing on an aggressive, trapping full-court press.

After emphasizing fast-break spacing and layups in the prior week's practices, Wilmington was able to capitalize on several open-court opportunities early on with Hunter Fitzgerald, Mikey Hao, Kosta Chronopoulos, Declan Mulcahy, and Tommy Demers consistently pressuring the point of attack defensively.

Wilmington had their best rebounding game of the season against a Chelmsford team with a lot of size and a number of skilled rebounders. Sanjeev Puvaneendrakumar, Spencer Walker, Luke Hurley, and Craig Forester worked tirelessly to box out Chelmsford's interior players and create rebounding opportunities for the Wildcats.

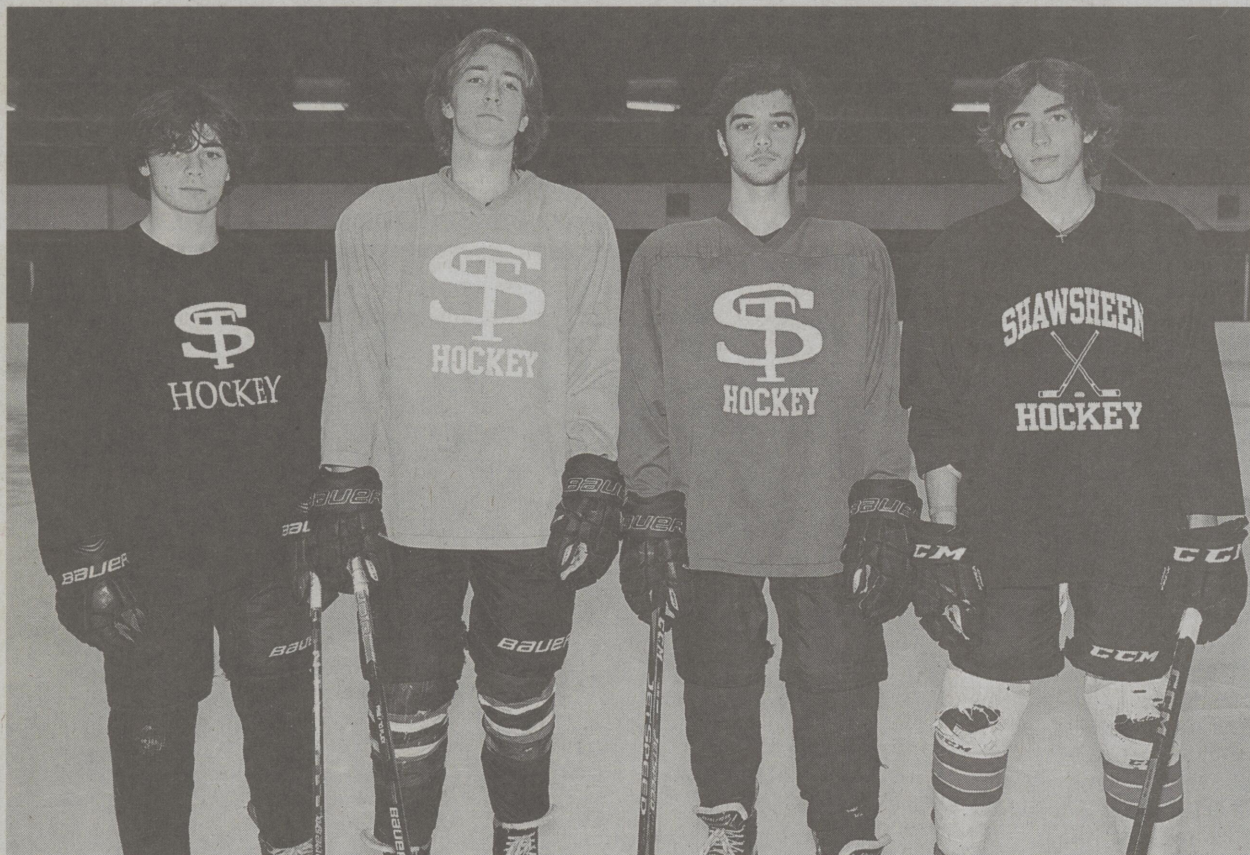
Wilmington takes a 2-1 record into their fourth game of the season next week, where they'll take on Reading Black, who is tied with Wilmington for second in the 7th grade North Division.

Rams on the attack

Above are the Wilmington residents on the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team which includes front row from left, Justin Thibert, Eric Banda, Jake Banda, Jake Carr, Cam Splaine, and Zack Timmons; back row from left, Dorion Considine, Kyle Gray, Liam Milne, Colin Lawson, Kevin Ackerly, Keenan Considine, and Ben Gibbons.;

To the right are the Tewksbury residents including from left, Derek Nazzaro, Rolland Spengler, Nick Calouro, and Collin Strong.

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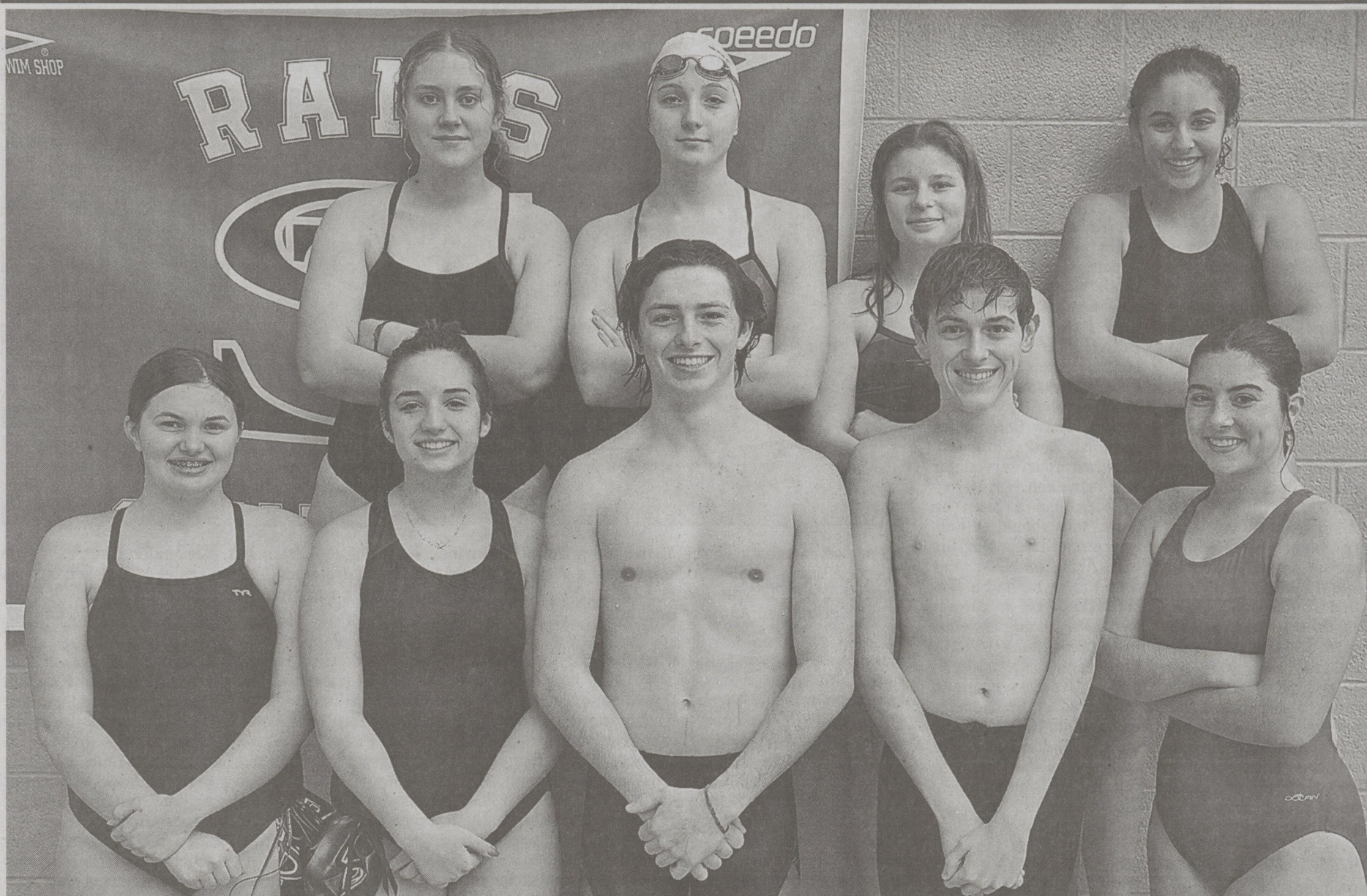
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Above are the Tewksbury residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech boys and girls swim team which includes front row from left, Sophia DiTonno, Christiana Rainone, Jared Krueger, Trevor Engel, and Addison Dunham; Back row from left, Leah Casey, Maura Krueger, Jasmine Johansen, and Makayla Nolan; Below are the Wilmington residents including from left, Alexandra Quick, Maddy Long, Evan Pinto, Alyssa Levino, and Rainna Raposa. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Swimmers ready to make a major splash

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Shawsheen Tech's co-ed swim team will open its season on Friday and the Rams, equipped with 12 new swimmers, are looking to once again make a run at the state vocational championships at the end of the season.

Last year, the Ram boys captured the state crown for the fifth straight year while the girls finished second, ending a streak of 14 straight vocational titles.

Shawsheen went 6-2 last year and will be led by senior captains Anthony Bastianelli of Billerica and Leah Casey of Tewksbury.

Bastianelli swims the butterfly and freestyle while Casey is a distance swimmer for the Rams.

Wilmington residents on the team this year include returning letter winner Alisa Lavino and Alexandra Quick, Maddy Long, Evan Pinto and Rainna Raposa.

Other Tewksbury residents swimming for Shawsheen are Sophia DiTonno, Christiana



Rainone, Jared Krueger, Trevor Engel, Addison Dunham, Morgan Dunham, Maura Krueger, Jasmine Johansen and Makayla Nolan. Jared Krueger, Johansen and Nolan are returning letter winners for the Rams.

Also returning to the pool for the Rams is Nate Barnes, Joey Conte, Adam Doucot, Logan Dupont, Eliot Hong, Harrison Kinesella, Emily LaFond and Daniel Penney.

Some of the other exciting new faces on the team include Madisen Chew,

Sarah Simonds and Matt Kilfoyle.

"This is our re-boot year in so many ways," said Ram coach Rick Menard. "Since starting here in 2013; last season was the smallest roster we have ever carried. This season the returning swimmers and captains did a great job looking for kids who were searching for a sport where they can get to know some new friends and get in some hard work. Like all programs the pandemic took its toll on our success in the

water, but definitely made us appreciate what we have when we're all together."

Despite having a smaller-than-normal roster, Shawsheen still had an excellent season last year. "This year we have some experienced swimmers returning from years past and now are seeing more younger siblings from kids who graduated and still are on the team," Menard said. "We have five siblings on the team this year which shows that kids must really

enjoy being part of something special, encouraging their little brothers and sisters to follow in their footsteps."

Menard is excited about the girls team bouncing back with a larger group this winter.

"Our girls team will be much improved as we have our returning kids getting stronger and now adding some solid freshman talent and depth," the coach explained. "They may be able to make a run at the Voke State Championship and

restart another streak."

Menard is hoping to see the boys win consecutive state crown No. 6.

"The boys side will be very strong in our league, the guys who won the Voke title last year are just about all returning and adding some experienced faces like Kilfoyle (transfer) and Pinto (injury) will help fill the gaps from our grads," Menard added.

Wilmington Bantam Youth Hockey team picks up a couple of wins

The Wilmington Bantam 1 youth hockey team met up with the Billerica Bantam 1 team in Chelmsford at the Tully forum.

In the first period the tone was set, a fast, physical, tight game was on its way. Both teams had numerous opportunities to score. Wilmington's goal tender Dylan Mainini fought off nine shots in the first period keeping the game scoreless.

It was the Wildcats that got on the board first with 14 seconds into the second period. At the opening faceoff, Devin MacDonald created pressure on Billerica defenseman and forced an errant pass in the neutral zone, where Captain Ryan Archer picked up the loose puck, took it down the left wing and deked out on defenseman and finishing it off giving the Wildcats a 1-0 lead.

Wilmington would get another goal after Captain Mickey Moroney

laid out a massive hit which freed the puck to defenseman Dylan Minasian. Minasian fired off a shot from the blue line sending the rebound to Wildcat Devin MacDonald, who was covering for the defenseman, laced a 60-foot wrist shot past Billerica's net minder.

Billerica scored the next three goals with the latest coming at 5:11 of the second period. The Wildcats Ryan Archer would tie it up for the Wildcats third and Archer's two of the game. Nate Murphy from his own zone, hit alternate captain Jake Arsenault cutting through the middle, who dished off the Archer. Archer gained the offensive blue line and maneuvered around three Billerica players and fired of a 55-foot slap shot top shelf.

Billerica would get the go-ahead goal on a tipped in a slap shot at 31.6 seconds left. The Wildcats were not easily going to

go down. With the lineup of Henry Alemeda, Jonathan Cavanaugh, Jonathan Stokes, Mickey Moroney and Jake Arsenault and a face off in the offensive zone.

The 'Cats took Dylan Mainini out the net to get Archer on the ice for the final 20.9 seconds. Faceoff at the far offensive circle, Stokes pressured Billerica defenseman to give the puck up the boards to Jake Arsenault who fired a wrist shot towards the net. Ryan Archer was camped out just outside the crease and deflected Jake's shot, to find the back of the net with 13.8 seconds left to tie it up at 4-4.

Archer celebrating his birthday got the game tying goal and giving him the hat trick for the game. With the Bantam teams short this season with players, Frank Cain Jr and Andrew Santo were called up to help out the squad. Jonathan Stokes

was a last minute game time decision. Kyle Spencer and Colin Doherty were missing from this game.

The Wilmington Bantam 1's lost a hard-fought battle Saturday evening 1-0 to the Masco Bantams. Dylan Mainini was in net for the Wilmington and made 17 saves on 18 shots letting up the lone goal on a breakaway.

The defense was anchored all game with Dylan Minasian and Jake Arsenault as one pairing and Jonathan Stokes and Colin Doherty which helped keep Masco off the board through two periods.

Masco managed to get a goal early in the third period on a breakaway for the lone tally of the evening. Kyle Spencer's physical play gave the Wildcats extended offensive zone time throughout the game.

Wilmington was able to put relentless pressure on

Masco with Henry Almeda drawing a penalty that put the Wildcats on the power play midway through the third period. Mickey Moroney and John Cavanaugh each hit the post as Wilmington turned on the pressure in the closing minutes but were unable to score the tying goal.

Final score Masco 1 - Wilmington 0.

The Wilmington Bantam 1's faced off against the Junior Maples out of Amesbury on Sunday evening in a Valley League contest. Jake Arsenault put the Wildcats up 1-0 early in the contest with a blast from the blue line on a feed from Devin MacDonald.

The Junior Maples managed to get the next two goals, but Ryan Archer got the equalizer before the end of the second period on a play where he streaked down the right side and flipped the puck

over the goalie's left pad.

The third period was tight throughout with some physical play by Collin O'Hearn that led to some Wildcat scoring opportunities. The defense of Colin Doherty stopped a breakaway opportunity in the third period.

The Maples were able to cash in on a couple of power play opportunities to take a two-goal lead late in the third period.

The Wildcats fought hard to the end but could not overcome the experienced Maples team. Cam Thompson started in net for the Wildcats stopping 23-of-25 shots, and Dylan Mainini finished the game making 11 saves on 13 shots. The Maples scored and empty net goal for a final score of 5-2. The teams faced each other earlier in the season, and this contest showed a ton of growth for this very young Bantam Team.

Boys Track team would like to get out to a fast start

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TEWKSBURY - During last year's cold winter months, the Tewksbury Memorial High School boys indoor track-and-field team - mostly Alex Arbogast - were staying warm by running some incredible times. He and a handful of other veteran runners and throwers return for this season, with the hopes that they can help the Redmen improve on last year's 4-6 regular season record.

Head coach Fran Cusick, who was recently named the one to call the shots for both the boys and the girls teams this season, also believes that this year's roster has what it takes to surpass the .500 record, and then also continue to cause some damage in the invitational and post-season meets.

"I think we have a good boys team and I'm interested to see what the first meet is going to look like," said Cusick. "If we can fill some holes, I think we will surprise some people."

Cusick replaces Lauren Polimeno, who held the position for one year before going to Italy for her studies. Cusick, who resigned during the summer as the girls cross-country coach but still

serves as the girls' outdoor track coach, becomes the program's ninth coach in the past eleven years. He is following Steve Levine, who retired after the 2011 season, and then Bill Meuse, Peter Fortunato, Scott Vandermolten, Peter Molloy, Jake Cofer, Nick Parsons and Polimeno. The last four served for one year each.

Cusick has a team on paper that should be fairly competitive, starting with Arbogast. Last year as a junior, he had a season that he'll always remember, being crowned the Merrimack Valley Conference, Division 4 and New England Champion in the 55-meter dash, while taking second at the All-State Meet. In addition to that, he was the league champion in the 300-meters as well, before finishing 19th in the entire state in that event.

"We obviously have Alex Arbogast, who is the defending New England Champion in the 55-meter dash, and he is coming off a pretty good football season and then outdoor track season. He's healthy and was healthy all last spring which was a major change from the year before," said Cusick.

Besides Arbogast, the team has a handful of other senior veterans,



The senior members of the TMHS Boys Track team includes front row from left, Alexander Naghibi, Clyde Roberts, Elijah Achonolu, Alex Arbogast and Ervin Aneus; Middle row from left, Tristan Leslie, Will Eskenas, Nick Alvarado, Kodie LeGrand, Albert Bosworth and Will Humphrey; Back row from left, Michael Hill, Kyle Adams, Joshua Carlino and Anthony Naghibi. (photo by Eric Canha).

who should help out in many different events. Among them include Nick Alvarado, Will Eskenas, Will Humphrey, Kodie LeGrand, Tristan Leslie and Kyle Adams. Alvarado will head up the distance group, Eskenas will be in the middle distance events, and LeGrand and Adams will be the team's top two throwers.

"We're a little bit bigger (with numbers) on the boys side (than the girls). We've got 38 boys and not like that's a huge difference but it's eight more kids," said Cusick. "We have Will Eskenas and Nick Alvarado, both seniors who had really good seasons last year. I'm looking forward to seeing

what they can do.

"We also have Stephen Oppedisano, who is a freshman. He recently won the freshmen 3K (league title) during the cross-country season. We have a big group in the distance events and that's something that we really haven't had in the past, at least in the last four or five years. We have a ton of distance guys and I'm excited about that. In the throwing events, we have Kyle Adams and Kodie LeGrand, who are both good senior throwers."

The other seniors on the team include Ervin Aneus, Albie Bosworth, Joshua Carlino, Michael Hill, Alexander and Anthony Naghibi and Clyde Roberts. The lone

junior on the team is King Shakes. The sophomores include Matthew Beggam, Sean Carroll, Evan Festa, Dayton Fisher, Maximos Harrington, James Maloney, Austin Mannetta, Colby Mengata, Devin Ricci, Basheer Shikh, Khamis and Edison Sok.

The incoming freshmen include Maddox Chretien, Theodore Corelli, Kyle Ernewein, Nolan Fowlie, Payton Haines, Sean Maloney and Oppedisano.

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Lawrence, as part of four separate meets which will include competing against the MVC teams from the large school division at the same time, but only team scores will count against the opponent of the day.

"I don't really know much about these teams except Billerica was really good last year and has been really good for a while. They won the MVC Small pretty easily last year and they have a lot of those kids back. Other than that, I think we can be competitive with all of the other teams because we have some depth," said Cusick.



The Tewksbury Memorial High School Girls Track team will be led by its four seniors, from left, Olivia Millspaugh, Jayani Santos, Emma Jensen and Julia Barletta. (photo by Eric Canha).

TMHS Girls Track Preview

Santos and company getting set for dual meet opener

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TEWKSBURY - Last winter, Alex Arbogast stole the show and the headlines when it came to the Tewksbury Boys and Girls Track teams. This year he could very well have some company.

On the girls side, head coach Fran Cusick was thrilled when he found out that senior Jayani Santos, who had a terrific outdoor season, will be competing this winter as part of the Girls' Indoor team. Santos, who recently signed her National Letter of Intent to run at Division 1 U-Mass Lowell, is coming off a spring season where she was second in the Merrimack Valley Conference and fourth in Division 4 in the 200-meters.

"Jayani joining the team is big. I think she's going to be one of the better sprinters in the league and in the state," said Cusick. "She's been training really well during the off-season. She came into the spring with no experience whatsoever and now she has pretty much a half of a season under her belt and she's had some really good off-season training. She looks really good in her early workouts."

Besides Santos, fellow senior Emma Jensen was fourth and fifth in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles at the MVC Championship Meet and then she went on to take 4th in the 400-hurdles and eighth in the 100-hurdles at the Division 4 state meet. Another hard-working veteran returning is Kimsan Nguyen, a junior, who will compete in the middle distance events.

"Kimsan Nguyen is a good runner and is now a veteran. Emma Jensen is fully healthy and I think she'll be really good too. We have some talent in there. We'll see how it comes together," said Cusick.

Besides Santos and Jensen, the other two seniors include Julia Barletta and Olivia Millspaugh. The junior class includes Dephnie Alcide, Lily Boucher, Delia Conte, Renuka Late, Cassidy Duggan, Rania Elouahi, Reese Maniscalco, and Alejandra Polanco.

"We are a pretty young team and we have a lot of new people. We don't have a whole lot of experience. We're still trying to figure

out who will be doing what (events). We don't have a lot of distance runners or throwers," said Cusick. "We're hurting a little bit numbers wise - I think we have about 30 people or so, which is small. But everyone who has been here has been real attentive and it's been a really nice group. I'm hoping that we can improve as the year goes on. That's really my main focus - just figuring things out and hopefully if we all improve individually and collectively, we'll see some good results as a team."

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"In the league, I think we will probably struggle against Billerica, but I would think that would be competitive against Chelmsford, Dracut and Lawrence," said Cusick.

Junior League Sky 24, Aces 4

The Sky had a game where everything went right. Sofia Lyons scored eight points by being under that net and getting the rebounds. Ava Rodriguez scored four points on power shots.

Anya Villefranche ran down the court to score four points. Ashlynn Calderia was the fastest on the court, using her road runner feet, stealing the ball and passing it to her teammates. Alana Villefranche worked so hard on getting those rebounds and scoring eight points. Riley Robson played with her team spirit, working that ball and throwing some wonderful passes to her teammates. Tenley Tora played amazing defense, helping her teammates for the win.

The Aces put in an absolutely amazing effort, only have five players for the entire game.

Storm 10, Rockers 6
The Storm started the season out on the right foot, combining great defense and even better passing to power their season opening victory. Addy Wagstaff paced the Storm with six points. Amiyah Diaz put back an offensive rebound in the second quarter and Aisling Sheehan put in a basket late to help ice the game.

Strong pressure defense from Charlotte Taylor, Arraya Chom and Emma Thunberg made it very difficult for the Rockers to get good looks at the basket. Declyn Cote and Emma McSheehy were all over the boards, with each grabbing multiple rebounds and helping the Storm get lots of great chances on offense.

Allison Fedoce was a force on both ends of the floor, helping the Storm turn good defense into great offense.

Mystics 16, Sparks 2
The Mystics continued their high level of play due to selfless teamwork and leaving everything on the court for all 24 minutes. The offense was led by Avrey Gamlin, scoring eight points to go along with four rebounds and one assist, while Victoria

Macisaac score six to go along with four rebounds, and Jocelyn Slattery contributing two points.

Charlotte McAvoyn and Adrianna Bairos were essential to the offense, each contributing key assists and opening up lanes for their teammates.

Defensively, Avrey continues to display incredible aggressiveness which led to a team high five turnovers, while Aubrey Fitzpatrick, Victoria and Jocelyn consistently applied pressure at the right times. Charlotte is emerging as a force and key contributor, making the most of every minute on both sides of the ball.

Intermediate League Terriers 32, Wolverines 19

The Terriers, missing some key players, put together a complete team effort to defeat a tough Wolverines team. The Terriers came out fast and furious putting up 22 points in the first half. There was plenty of action throughout as both teams played a fast-paced contest.

For the Terriers, Charlotte Conroy had ten points along with fierce defensive play. While Arianna Chavez had ten points of her own, turning rebounds into points, with an amazing performance on the boards. Olivia Brewster added eight points along with great passing and solid two-way play. Samantha Conroy and Ruby Gonzalez each had two points to round out the rest of the scoring.

Riya Jumani, Lyla Barrasso, and Aylah Smith contributed with strong defensive play and good spacing upfront.

For the Wolverines, Madelin Gamlin lead the team with 17 points and made it challenging for the Terriers to defend under the basket. Sarah Macciolo added two points as well.

Badgers 24, Wave 12
Avani Tiwari had a breakout game for the Badgers-leading all scorers with ten points while grabbing several key rebounds and playing aggressive defense. The Badgers benefitted from

outstanding rebounding by Isis Figueroa and Kaylee Mansfield. Abby Lane had a solid game and did a great job defending the Waves quick ball handlers. Jaycee Conley played a strong game on both ends of the floor and scored a basket. Kaleigh McDonough had several key assists and contributed a crucial basket in the third quarter. Vera Garabedian contributed several steals and a handful of baskets in the first quarter before leaving the game early to help the sixth grade travel team earn a win against Amesbury. Sydney Hyslop continued her steady play chipping in six points including going 2-for-2 from the free throw line.

After falling way behind in the first quarter, the Wave put in a valiant effort to cut the Badgers lead to 16-12 before eventually falling 24-12. The Wave played a nice clean game recording no fouls on offense or defense.

Leuncie Sylvestre contributed two points and continues to dominated the inside with her rebounding.

Brielle Vongsa and Olivia Lafreniere were excellent on offense, leading the team with four points each.

Sisters Gianna and Nichole Gangemi continue to impress with their ball handling and outside shooting. Caly Loring handled the defensive press and added two points, while Bree Sdankus and Samantha Wallace were fierce on defense.

Travel League Tewksbury 6 Blue 23, Dracut 6 Blue 11

Travel Team Blue 6 hosted Dracut Blue 6 and came out on top. Kelsi Adams (10 pts), Camilla Anjo, Alazne Carvajal (2 pts), Mariabella Cracchiolo (10 pts), Leah Khourie, Caly Loring, Emma Smith (1 pt) all gave a team effort for Tewksbury. Mariabella Cracchiolo was named Player of the Game by the coaches.



Tewksbury Police Log

Methuen man arrested for allegedly taking \$4,000 in goods from Home Depot

Monday, December 5

5:13 a.m. - Police sent at Extended Stay America. A 911 caller reported tenants in the room next to hers have been banging on the wall all night keeping her and her daughters up. All parties were spoken to. Both had similar complaints about each other and were advised to keep the nose levels down.

2:54 p.m. - Male party screamed profanity at everyone in the store at Walmart near front of store. Older male wearing a red and black coat. Police responded. They walked around with manager and were unable to locate male party.

3:13 p.m. - Caller reported a white box truck parked at Cumberland Farms. Operator appeared to be nodding off. Male party wore an orange shirt. Police sent and spoke with operator. He was on his break.

5:21 p.m. - Loss prevention has hispanic male that stole about \$200 worth of items at Walmart. Police sent. Richard Smith, 56, of 77 Crosby St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with third offense of shoplifting by asportation, a warrant for cruelty to animal, and fugitive from justice on court warrant.

5:35 p.m. - Caller reported they have a party in the office who attempted to take \$4,000 in goods at Home Depot. Police sent. Daniel Tiger, 51, of 60 Swan Ave. in Methuen, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$1,200.

Tuesday, December 6

7:47 a.m. - Caller reported a white utility van with no markings parked in the visitor lot of building 97 and running with the lights on over half hour at Apache Way. Caller stated it was occupied. Police sent and they were unable to locate the vehicle.

7:47 p.m. - A 911 caller stated erratic at Shaw-sheen Street. Police stopped the vehicle. They spoke to the party, no impairment, driver was elderly and driving a new vehicle.

10:26 p.m. - Police sent to a call for a past malicious damage parked at Wame-sit Lanes. Police filed a report.

Wednesday, December 7

1:50 a.m. - Police out at Oscar's Piñata's with a party for suspicious activity. Officer stated all parties checked out.

6:53 a.m. - Officer reported a call at Longhorn Steak House. Attached party reported the pad lock to the trash area was cut.

11:03 p.m. - Police sent to Balsam Place for a report of suspicious activity. A silver sedan with a black bumper was in the area. Police sent and reported that the vehicle was gone

on arrival.

Thursday, December 8

12:08 a.m. - Caller reported she can hear a male and female arguing but was unsure of the exact location. Police sent. All officers cleared. They reported area checked and secure, no arguments. Multiple neighbors spoken to and all report nothing out of the ordinary.

2:14 a.m. - Police off at McDonald's South, investigating an open door. Key holder from the site file contacted. No response and a voice mail left. All units cleared. They would check in the morning.

6:47 p.m. - Manager from McDonald's South reported an intoxicated male. Police sent. Patrick Duval, 34, of 81 Jennies Way in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and battery with dangerous weapon shod foot and alcohol.

10:18 p.m. - Loss prevention from Walmart reported a hispanic male ran at Walmart. Jose Lara, 25, of 3 Davis Territory in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing.

10:20 p.m. - Caller reported a motor vehicle drove erratically at Oakdale Liquors. Police sent. Nahyn Nunez, 21, of 16 Burt Road in Wilmington, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license suspended.

Friday, December 9

11:39 a.m. - A 911 caller at Tewksbury State Hospital reported a 37-year old female very intoxicated and causing a disturbance. Police sent and requested an ambulance. The ambulance sent and transported one female to Saints Hospital. Police filed a report.

10:16 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a tow truck hit a telephone pole and possibly struck another motor vehicle and fled the area at Lowe Street. The telephone pole snapped in half. National Grid was notified and the police sent. Michael Bennett, 42, of 187 Mesmith St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation

motor vehicle with license suspended, OUI liquor, failure to stop for police, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Saturday, December 10

12:07 a.m. - Resident reported the unit below hers was being loud with music and occasionally was outside being loud as well at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. They spoke to the residents and they would be turning the music down for the evening.

10:20 p.m. - Female caller from Escapology reported a group of 13 were asking to leave as they had no reservations and were becoming aggressive, walking behind the bar area. There was liquor and someone allegedly took the tip jar. Police sent. Parties would be moving along. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, December 11

7:16 a.m. - Call from an employee at Balance Spa reported an individual slept in a diet on the side of the building. Police sent and the male party has moved along.



Wilmington Police Log

Several people arrested for operating under the influence

Friday, December 2:

2:43 a.m.: Police pursued a black 2017 Lincoln MKZ with livery plates on Main Street after it was believed that it was involved in a possible break-in of the Route 38 Smoke Shop. Speeding and negligent operation followed before the pursuit was ended and an order was put out to be on the lookout. At the smoke shop, a lockbox was pried open, but it was unclear whether the damage was new.

7:50 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred between a blue 2003 Honda Civic on Ballardvale Street and another vehicle that fled the scene towards Andover. Andover Police were notified of a black sedan with front-end damage, but neither they nor Wilmington Police found the vehicle.

12:15 p.m.: A caller at Lumari Salon on Middlesex Avenue reported that an employee was being harassed by a client on numerous occasions.

Saturday, December 3:

5:50 a.m.: A caller at UPS on Fordham Road reported that they terminated an employee in the morning, but they refused to leave the property, telling the caller to contact the police. The employee remained by the door in front of their blue 2011 Toyota Highlander. As police arrived, the employee was gone without incident and the caller declined to press criminal

charges.

8:11 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred between a black 2000 Volkswagen Jetta and a pole on South Street, snapping it. There were unknown injuries as the Fire Department, Verizon, and Reading Light were notified. The road was closed and the vehicle towed away.

1:28 p.m.: Taylor Lee Todisco of 14 Sunset Ave. in North Reading was issued a summons for OUI - Liquor, Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Speeding in Violation of Special Regulation. This followed a motor vehicle collision between a black 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a tree on Parker Street.

Sunday, December 4:

6:17 a.m.: A caller at Cumberland Farm Gulf Gas Station on Main Street reported that their employee had accepted a counterfeit \$100 bill.

8:40 a.m.: A caller on Mill Street reported that an old portion of her fence had been knocked down at some point overnight. The caller was unsure of how it was done, but police leaned the fence back up again for them.

7:26 p.m.: A walk-in party reported that a juvenile had been physically assaulted by a customer while working at Market Basket on Main Street.

Monday, December 5:

9:29 a.m.: An injured goose was picked up on Lake Street and sent to Grafton for treatment before the Animal Control officer returned it to Wilmington.

12:04 p.m.: Timothy James Cervera Jr. of 26 Barker Road in Malden was arrested for Larceny Over \$250 from a Party Over 60 or Disabled and Larceny Under \$1,200 By a Single Scheme. This followed an assist to the post office on Crystal Road regarding an ongoing scheme. The party was bailed.

1:37 p.m.: Keolis reported a broken gate on Main Street, advising trains to use caution when passing through and summoning a technician to the scene.

Tuesday, December 6:

10:27 a.m.: A case of larceny was reported on Cardinal Court when a caller stated that 44 gallons of gas had been stolen on two separate occasions from their green 1996 Ford LGTCON. The most recent incident was reported to have taken place over the weekend.

4:01 p.m.: Ryan O. Giraud of 20 Grove Ave. was arrested for OUI - Liquor. This followed a report of a party on Cottage Street who was having trouble standing and walking while their vehicle was in the middle of the road, attempting to back their white 2022 Jeep Grand Cherokee into a driveway. The party fell trying to close a gate and was taken in as their vehicle was towed.

6:09 p.m.: A caller on Carson Avenue reported that they heard footsteps in their house the previous day and requested that an officer come and check it out. The officer reported a possible rodent in the attic and advised the resident.

Wednesday, December 7:

2:26 p.m.: Mary Elisabeth Foley of 93 Berkeley St. in North Billerica was arrested for Failure to Stop for Police, Failure to Stop or Yield, Speeding in Violation of Special Regulation, and Possession of a Class E Drug. This followed a report of a woman in a black 2001 Chevy Monte Carlo on Forest Street and Swain Road who was pulling into driveways, possibly looking for packages.

6:04 p.m.: Amanda Marie Bartolomei of 26 Dustin St., Apartment #2 in Worcester was arrested for OUI - Liquor. This followed a report from state police of a red 2011 Honda Civic operating erratically before a caller reported being behind the vehicle

on Marie Drive, almost striking many things.

7:29 p.m.: A caller on Magazine Road reported that a black SUV had been parked in the area with its lights off at about 6 p.m. when they rolled their window down, smashed a bottle, and left. The caller reported that many bottles had been left smashed in the past and wanted the incident logged.

Thursday, December 8:

8:45 a.m.: Ian Matthew Anderson of 6 Cross St., Apartment #2 in Nashua, New Hampshire was issued a summons for Number Plate Violation and Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License. This followed a stop and tow of the party's silver 2011 Hyundai Sonata on Ballardvale Street.

1:36 p.m.: An officer took a report of pavers in the roadway on Aldrich Road. They reported that they had been paving that day, but no equipment was left behind and no employees were in the street.

Baker-Polito Administration announces \$5M in grant awards to fire departments

STOW — The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$5 million in grant awards to 308 fire departments from the FY23 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program.

This includes \$18,334.54 for Tewksbury and \$18,892 for Wilmington.

The program provides local fire departments with a variety of equipment that makes the dangerous job of firefighting safer. This is the third year that funding has been awarded for this purpose as part of a five-year, \$25 million bond bill filed by the Administration to support firefighter safety and health in the coming years.

"We ask so much of our firefighters, and no matter how dangerous or difficult the situation, they always do whatever it takes to help," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This program is an opportunity to make sure they are properly protected every time they answer a call for help."

"The decision to become a firefighter is one of the bravest, most selfless choices a person

can make," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "I am so thankful to the men and women who have dedicated themselves to this calling. In every city and town, these heroes drop what they're doing and rush to help — even when it puts them in harm's way."

Fire departments in Massachusetts were able to apply to this program for 121 different types of eligible equipment, including ballistic protective clothing, thermal protective clothing, gear washers and dryers, thermal imaging cameras, assorted hand tools and extrication equipment, communications resources, hazardous gas meters, fitness equipment, and more. In many cases, the purchase of this equipment will help departments attain compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration or National Fire Protection Association safety standards.

"In today's fire service, firefighters respond to increasingly dangerous calls. Access to the prop-

er protective gear is critical to ensure their safety and ability to meet the modern challenges of emergency response," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy. "Firefighters have a vital role in keeping our communities safe. We are pleased to show our appreciation for their courage and service by providing funding to equip them with the appropriate level of protection."

"We now know that the occupational cancer risk caused by cumulative exposure to toxins encountered while firefighting is as great of a danger to firefighters as fire and smoke itself," said Undersecretary of Homeland Security Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe. "This program is an outstanding mechanism to combat that risk by ensuring that firefighters are wearing modern and properly cleaned gear every time they answer a call. The long-term benefits of this program to firefighters and their families will be truly immense."

"Every time a firefighter goes to work, they could be asked to rescue a child from a burning building, clean up a spill of hazardous materials, treat a patient with a contagious medical condition, or rush into a hostile event to rescue and treat victims," said State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. "This program is absolutely vital to helping fire departments prepare for the vast array of hazards they face today and making sure that firefighters go home safe after every call."

"Three years into this program now, we're really seeing the impact that it is making out in the field," said Shrewsbury Fire Chief James Vuona, President of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts. "Firefighters are responding to calls with the proper protective gear and tools, which makes their jobs much safer. The firefighters of Massachusetts and their families are grateful for this investment in their health and safety."

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CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED SPECIALS

2019 Audi A5 Sportback

Prem. Plus • White • 24K miles

#A8454


\$34,998

2019 Audi Q7 Premium

Florett Silver Met. • 106K miles

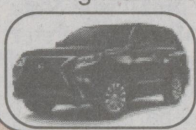
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2020 Lexus GX 460 Luxury

Nightfall Mica • 25K miles

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2014 Audi Q5 Premium Plus \$14,898

P031342A, Brilliant Black, 122K miles

2018 Audi A5 Coupe Prem. Plus \$30,988

A8489, Moonlight Blue Metallic, 22K miles

2019 GMC Acadia Denali \$32,498

N116876A, Iridium Metallic, 48K miles

2010 Subaru Forester 2.5X Prem. \$11,978

A8404A, Newport Blue Pearl, 79K miles

2019 Audi Q5 Premium \$29,998

A8496, Brilliant Black, 44K miles

2019 Mini Hardtop 2 dr. Cooper \$21,998

P016006A, Emerald Gray Met., 26K miles

MANAGER'S SPECIALS

2021 Audi A5 Coupe S-line

Prem. Plus • White • 29K mi.

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2020 Audi Q3 Premium Plus

Nano Gray Metallic • 37K mi.

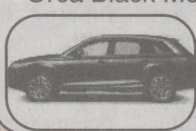
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2019 Audi Q7 Premium Plus

Orca Black Metallic • 38K mi.

#A8470


\$37,798

2015 Jeep Patriot Limited

Black Clearcoat • 63K mi.

#N097517B


\$13,998

2019 Audi A6 Premium Plus

Firmament Blue • 58K mi.

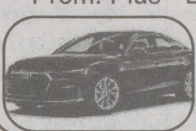
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2018 Audi A5 Sportback

Prem. Plus • Black • 22K mi.

#A8484


\$34,988

2022 Audi Q3 S Line Prem. Plus

Glacier White Metallic • 12K miles

#A8488


\$39,498

2019 Honda Accord Sdn. EX-L

2.0T • White Pearl • 75K miles

#N074519A


\$21,998

2014 Ford Fusion S

Dark Side Metallic • 74K miles

#N042867A


\$11,998

2017 BMW 340i xDrive \$26,998

N090386B, Midnight Blue Metallic, 55K mi.

2018 Audi TT Coupe \$35,998

N005898A, Scuba Blue Metallic, 23K miles

2020 Audi TT Coupe \$42,898

P008655A, Mythos Black Metallic, 18K miles

2020 Audi Q3 S Line Premium \$33,598

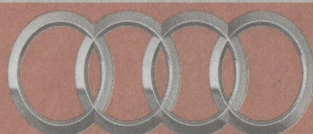
A8515, Chronos Gray Metallic, 26K miles

2018 Audi S5 Cabriolet Prem. \$44,498

A8520, Florett Silver/Black Roof, 46K miles

2021 Audi Q3 S Line Prem. Plus \$38,798

AL8524, Chronos Gray Metallic, 17K miles


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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'The Whale' is a hard but astounding film to watch



OSCAR BUZZ FOR BRENDAN - Brendan Fraser, above, has earned lots of Oscar buzz for playing Charlie in "The Whale" released by A24 studios. The film allows his signature puppy dog face to remain despite a massive body suit and swelling prosthetics used to create the 600 lb. main character. (Photo: A24 Studios)

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

The center of gravity of "The Whale" is obviously the 600-pound man at its center. Look closely, though, and he's the one with a soul as light as a feather.

Charlie is a reclusive, morbidly obese English literature teacher unable and unwilling to stop eating himself to death. As his health woes mount and his life expectancy is put at just a week, Charlie struggles to reacquire himself with his estranged daughter. We meet him on Monday and the film goes day by day to Friday.

Charlie is a gentle giant, not raging at his fast approaching demise. He's an optimist and a fierce believer in truth even though there is nothing in his world reinforcing either. "The Whale" is not always pleasant to watch but the payoff and performances make it an astounding film.

Stationary and wheezing on his couch, Charlie is repeatedly visited by a constellation of people — a friendly nurse, his teenage daughter and a young missionary from an apocalyptic church. They all need something from this well-meaning but broken man — spiritual, medical or familial. They are all broken, too.

The movie, based and adapted from the off-Broadway play of the same name by Samuel D. Hunter, is directed by Darren Aronofsky, who helmed such dark tales as "Requiem for a Dream" and "Black Swan." Hunter's depiction of the mortification of the flesh perfectly meets a director enamored by the grotesque.

Brendan Fraser has earned lots of Oscar buzz for playing Charlie, allow-

ing his signature puppy dog face to remain despite a massive body suit and swelling prosthetics. And why not? It is one of the most moving performances in years, full of humanity and a redemptive triumph for an actor who hid his talent in quickly forgotten films like "Blast from the Past," "Hair Brained" and "Airheads."

The whole cast is perfect, from Sadie Sink as Charlie's spiky daughter, Hong Chau as his foul-mouthed nursing angel, Ty Simpkins as the missionary with a hidden past and Samantha Morton as his ex-wife with simmering anger and yet still love. There are steady references to Herman Melville's "Moby Dick," which gives the film the title and its doomed vibe.

Charlie has ballooned ever since the death of his same-sex partner, who apparently willed himself to death by wasting away in starvation after their relationship was condemned by his church-leading father. Charlie has apparently decided to die the opposite way.

He is sadly apologetic to his nurse — "I'm sorry," he says continually — and shuts the video camera on his laptop during his online classes. Even the pizza delivery man doesn't know what he looks like. "Who would want me to be part of their life?" he asks.

There has been fear that the film might be fatphobic and it's true that cinematographer Matthew Libatique often leans into unflattering ways to show Charlie, soaping in a shower, straining to stand up or touch the floor, covered in sweat and shoving pizza or fried chicken into

his mouth. Maybe some of that could have been touched on instead of lingered on.

But body weight is not what the writer and director want to focus on here. It's more the weight of guilt and love and faith. "I just want to know I did one good thing in my life!" Charlie shouts. One feels that the underlying issue in "The Whale" could have been obesity as easily as cancer or alcoholism or a blood disorder. Hunter is exploring salvation, redemption, determinism and family.

The play has been sharpened for the screen but there's no escaping the fact that it is rooted inside Charlie's Idaho apartment, which he shuffles about in on a walker or later a wheelchair. This doesn't make for sweeping cinema. Sometimes the apartment feels confining like a ship, adding to the Melville theme.

Some of the filmic attempts are forced, like the symbolically heavy bird that Charlie feeds outside his window, the three times actors rush to leave the apartment only to stop and turn back, and the heavy rain that builds as the film's climax nears. But this is a film that stays with you and changes you. It is heavy, indeed.

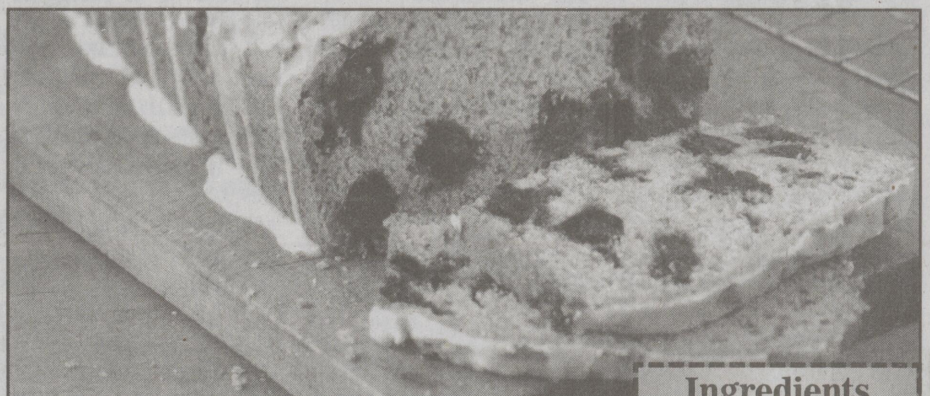
"The Whale," a A24 release that is in movie theaters on Friday, is rated R for "language, some drug use and sexual content." Running time: 117 minutes. Four stars out of four.

MPAA definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Mark Kennedy is at <http://twitter.com/Kennedy>

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

BLUEBERRY BREAKFAST CEREAL BREAD



BERRIED TREASURE - This yummy bread made with berries and whole grain cereal is not only nutritious, it's also a great addition to any holiday brunch.

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottom only of 9x5-inch loaf pan with shortening, or spray with cooking spray. Place cereal in food-storage plastic bag; coarsely crush with rolling pin. Set aside.

2. In large bowl, mix water, orange peel, orange juice, oil, vanilla and egg until blended. In medium bowl, mix crushed cereal, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt; stir into ingredients in large bowl. Gently stir in blueberries. Pour into pan.

3. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted

in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaf; remove from pan to cooling rack. Cool completely before slicing, at least 1 hour.

EXPERT TIPS

- First prize blueberries contain antioxidants called anthocyanins that may help protect healthy body cells from oxygen damage.

- It's easy to crush cereal when it's poured into a 1-quart food storage plastic bag. Simply place the bag flat, seal, and evenly crush the cereal using your fingers.

Ingredients

- 2 cups crunchy whole grain wheat flakes cereal
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon grated orange or lemon peel
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons canola or soybean oil
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg or 1/4 cup fat-free egg product
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries (do not thaw)

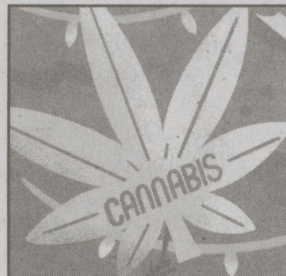
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three percent local excise tax rate (the maximum allowed by state statutes). Residents were informed other towns saw hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue through a similar tax including \$440,000 in Dracut, \$694,000 in Ayer and \$814,000 in Lowell.

As soon as Tewksbury began discussing these bylaw changes, retail marijuana proponents started holding community outreach meetings. Tewksbury's Community/Economic Development Planner Alexandra Lowder said approximately nine or ten businesses held meetings with residents to gather feedback and outline what it could look like if their business moved into town.

Out of those 10 or so businesses, she believed around half may have already applied for a license. The Select Board can't hold any hearings until the attorney general's office signs off on the bylaw changes approved at Town Meeting. Members also haven't even looked at any applications yet. However, it's fair to say the town will have no problem filling all three licenses if it so chooses.

Lowder believes some of businesses that held community outreach meetings



operate establishments already in the state while some would be new. The Select Board's guidelines do not favor any business over another; they only ask applicants to express if they already run or are associated with another marijuana establishment.

The board also plans to award licenses on a modified first come-first serve basis whereby they would hand out licenses to the first best three proposals that are complete and have been well-vetted. This means the first person through the door isn't guaranteed a license.

After meeting the state's requirements, the board will look at the following additional operational requirements, including: demonstrated relevant experience in the cannabis industry, no disqualifying criminal convictions among stakeholders, compatibility of the proposed location with the neighborhood and geographic location, traffic and parking impacts and mitigation plans, a security

plan meeting or exceeding state standards, an opening schedule, and a business plan, financial records, and other documentation supporting the business's likelihood of success.

Proponents will also need to gain site plan approval from the Planning Board before coming before the Select Board for a license approval. Applicants can technically start the Planning Board process now in the event they already have a location in mind. Because businesses are allowed to sell retail marijuana by right, the Planning Board will mostly look at potential traffic or parking issues, as well as building height and setback if it's to be a new (or modified) construction.

As the attorney general's office has yet to approve the Town Meeting votes, Lowder said any potential public hearings might not take place until the late winter or early spring. This means the Select Board might not issue any licenses until the spring or summer. With potential construction needed, residents may not see a marijuana establishment open until 2024.

When the Select Board does hold a public hearing on a business looking to sell marijuana in town, residents should note that because of the Town Meeting vote allowing for the sale of retail marijuana in town, the board won't be debating the merits of selling pot, but rather the merits of a particular business selling pot.

This means any business is allowed to open a marijuana establishment in any of the above-mentioned districts assuming they meet all the Select Board's criteria. Anyone with a "Not in My Backyard" mentality has to understand it could be in your backyard because the use is allowed by right.

Residents with concerns hopefully brought them up during Town Meeting, because the process has now moved to the granting of licenses phase (once the Select Board receives the approval of the AG's office). While the board is not obligated to issue any marijuana licenses, it seems highly unlikely they would reject all applicants especially if four, five or even more businesses apply.

Sharing is Caring

All proceeds assist local families.

Middlesex East Publications, in association with the Salvation Army will sponsor "M.E. Santa" this holiday season to benefit needy individuals and families in the area.

In many past years, the Salvation Army has worked quietly within the communities. But this year it is asking for assistance due to increased pressure to provide services.

Funds will be distributed locally in the M.E. communities which include: Wilmington, Tewksbury, No. Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, Woburn, Wakefield and Winchester.

A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December. Corporations and individuals are encouraged to include their names as part of their donations as efforts are made to promote the fund.

The "M.E. Santa" effort is actually part of the Salvation Army's ongoing service program.

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• Real Estate Transfers •

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181 Cambridge St was sold to Washington Cirle RT and Katsikis, Haralambos by Burlington Cambridge LLC for \$7,370,214 on 11/18/22

53 Mill St was sold to Maceachern, John J and Ramos-Maceachern, Pamela by Smith, Marie A for \$795,000 on 11/21/22

6 Radcliff St was sold to Rumsey, Kevin M and Rumsey, Jeanne E by 6 Radcliff Street LLC for \$1,850,000 on 11/22/22

174 Winn St was sold to Harvard Green LLC by Rossi Gene J Est and Dagostino, Donna M for \$430,000 on 11/22/22

LYNNFIELD

160 Main St was sold to Medina, Arianna and Ralic, Luka M by Adams, Dinamarie and Adams, Paul for \$885,000 on 11/18/22

NORTH READING

63 Central St #205 was sold to Houle, Roger and Houle, Denizia by Conway FT and Conway, Sally J for \$435,500 on 11/18/22

Flint St (off) #B was sold to JJJ Monarch LLC by Johnson FT and Johnson, Richard D for \$164,542 on 11/18/22

4 Greenbriar Dr #109 was sold to Pellacani, Jessica M by Bonfiglio, Carmen A for \$315,000 on 11/18/22

243 Haverhill St was sold to Rich, Lauren D by Bordne, Christopher and Bordne, Margot R for \$554,000 on 11/21/22

7 Jill Cir was sold to Nellie D Palau IRT and Palau, Margaret L by Hayes FT and Hayes, Kathleen I for \$900,000 on 11/22/22

27 Lakeside Blvd was sold to He, Michael and He, Ciara by Smith Sons Plumbing&Heat for \$1,435,000 on 11/18/22

22 Magnolia St was sold to Murray, Jason and Murray, Alise by Gaillard, Jared and Gibson, Joanne for \$780,000 on 11/18/22

READING

13 Auburn St was sold to Najafian, Ahmad and Nazemi, Azadeh by Jaked, Alexander and Jaked, Stephanie for \$916,000 on 11/18/22

23 Augustus Ct #4001 was sold to Fleury, Lucinda by Mary Brosnahan FT and Hamilton, Louise for \$640,000 on 11/22/22

17 Green Meadow Dr #17 was sold to Shuman, Jill M by Dovidio, Kenneth R for \$950,000 on 11/21/22

1498 Main St was sold to Villaciencio, Linda and Camacho, Dennis by Katalex Properties LLC for \$685,000 on 11/23/22

STONEHAM

8 Crosby St was sold to Morais, Jonathan and Morais, Victoria by Bukoski, Margaret E for \$635,000 on 11/22/22

9 Merrow Ln was sold to Schimanski, Danielle N and Tardiff, Christopher J by Peralta, Alberto and Snell, Sarah E for \$762,450 on 11/23/22

1 Patrick Cir was sold to Neves, Luis G and Ellington-Neves, Joann by Armano, Kristen M and Mandracchia, Gloria J for \$702,000 on 11/18/22

76 Perkins St was sold to Yale, Eleodoro G and Effinger, Martha V by Asupoto, Kayode for \$570,000 on 11/18/22

6 Summer St was sold to Osullivan, Michael J by Cann Ruth A Est and Yalcin, Colleen R for \$633,000 on 11/18/22

TEWKSBURY

6 3rd St was sold to Nevin, Samuel J and Brown, Alexandra M by Freking, Robert A for \$687,000 on 11/22/22

10 Babicz Rd was sold to Barbosa, Rafael R by Jennings, William T and Jennings, Doreen J for \$920,000 on 11/18/22

363 Foster Rd was sold to Meuse, Joseph and Meuse, Elizabeth by Ambrose, Kevin W and Campbell, Laura A for \$555,000 on 11/23/22

31 Germano Dr was sold to Bradley, Timothy and Bradley, Erin T by Lozowski, Gary D and Lozowski, Denise J for \$743,500 on 11/22/22

48 Harrison Rd was sold to Connor, David and Connor, Ana by Mandile, Peter D and Mandile, Stephanie L for \$739,000 on 11/18/22

65 Hood Rd was sold to Michaud, Kaylan and Ahearn, Sean by McLaughlin, Mary J for \$489,000 on 11/22/22

90 Jennies Way was sold to Kehlbeck, Nicholas A and Kehlbeck, Alison M by W J Remillong 2021 RET and Remillong, Mary G for \$800,000 on 11/23/22

302 Kendall Rd was sold to Haley, Daniel A and French, Melissa A by Pilcher, Kerry M for \$589,000 on 11/23/22

70 Nolan Ct #70 was sold to Nayebar, Inid and Mushabe, Joas by Nolan Jr, John J and Nolan, Jillian for \$550,000 on 11/22/22

51 Secor Way was sold to Mayor, Christopher P and Doherty, Shealagh K by Tarira, Gladys C for \$595,000 on 11/22/22

WAKEFIELD

5 Findlay St was sold to Sorrenti, Mario C by Horrigan, Kevin F and Horrigan, Sharon for \$779,000 on 11/21/22

60 Forest St was sold to Sutherby, Katherine R and Kiesel, David by Raymond, Devon and Raymond, Joshua for \$595,000 on 11/22/22

19 Lafayette St #1 was sold to Thomson, Laura A by Watchko FT and Watchko, George R for \$800,000 on 11/21/22

28 Line Rd #1 was sold to Prabhu, Kedar S and Girish-Kamat, Anusha by 495 LLC for \$775,000 on 11/21/22

120 Oak St was sold to Miele 3rd, Anthony J and Tanger-Miele, Kimberly A by Roberge, Janine M for \$670,000 on 11/22/22

174 Oak St was sold to Gutierrez, Juan and Gutierrez, Miguel by Kozar, Waldemar for \$789,000 on 11/22/22

WILMINGTON

34 Brand Ave was sold to Gramajo, Alexander T and Gramajo, Courtney L by Smith Sons Plumbing & Heat for \$949,000 on 11/22/22

64 Forest St was sold to Cavanaugh, Kevin and Gardner, Kelsey by Monestere, Diane G for \$765,000 on 11/22/22

168 Lowell St #3 was sold to Sanaie-Movahed, Bahare and Buyukaslan, Muhammet E by 168 Lowell Street LLC for \$629,900 on 11/23/22

19 Marion St was sold to Farese, Christina by Desi-Catena, Michael and Catena, Maureen F for \$765,000 on 11/21/22

18 McDonald Rd was sold to Goren, Roy and Zimmermann, Shaked by 18 McDonald Road CBC LLC for \$910,000 on 11/23/22

10 Redwood Ter was sold to Murphy, Daniel P and Dev-ereaux, Nicole E by Farese, Christina for \$959,900 on 11/21/22

WINCHESTER

16 Nassau Dr was sold to 16 Nassau Drive RT and Bouboulis, Stefanos by Hopp, Charles H and Hopp, Sara E

for \$1,060,000 on 11/21/22

4-6 Prospect St was sold to Fallon, Keith and Fallon, Tara by Mood, Diana L and Glacken, Susan N for \$1,528,000 on 11/22/22

11 Swanton St was sold to Lin, Hong and Chen, Yixiong by Tofuri, Carmen J for \$810,000 on 11/18/22

13 Wildwood St was sold to Cavanaugh, Alison by Markham Adrienne M Est and Forney, Heather A for \$1,225,000 on 11/18/22

WOBURN

29 Anna Rd was sold to Rossignol, Evan D and Doolittle, Kaity N by Kelley, Ann M for \$638,000 on 11/18/22

88 Cambridge Rd was sold to Dasilva, Wallace and Deoliveira-Moura, R C by Diorio, David A and Diorio, Kimberly K for \$550,000 on 11/21/22

89 Forest Park Rd was sold to Ianniciello, Eugenio and Ianniciello, Kristen L by 89 Forest Park Road LLC for \$975,000 on 11/22/22

11 Mishawum Rd was sold to Newport Realty Dev LLC by Binks, Mary E and Bradley, Julie A for \$500,000 on 11/23/22

5 Old Farm Rd was sold to Wang, Hao and Lu, Xi by Alperovich Kondurova RET and Kondurova, Olga for \$1,160,000 on 11/18/22

15 Pearl St was sold to Nagpal, Himanshu by Don Q RE Development LLC for \$591,000 on 11/23/22

12 Vine Brook Way #12 was sold to Campbell, Donna and Campbell, James by Arthur H Solomon RET and Solomon, Joan C for \$730,000 on 11/22/22



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Three seniors received national letters of intent to play on college teams for cheer, lacrosse, fencing

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ed that three Wilmington seniors received national letters of intent to play on college teams for cheer, lacrosse, and fencing. He also shared pictures of those inducted into Wilmington's Hall of Fame this year and of Willie the Wildcat visiting the West Intermediate School.

School Committee member M. J. Byrnes appreciated the time that all of the coaches put in to contribute to programs where students are enriched and taught important life lessons through sports. Melissa Plowman agreed that students learn skills like focus, time management, and the value of hard work through playing sports.

Byrnes also asked Ingram if "we're seeing an increase in waivers for 8th grader to play on high school teams," and he responded in the affir-

mative.

Kelly Peterson, the president of the Wildwood School's Parent Advisory Council, next shared some of the work that the PAC has gotten up to so far this year. She explained how their key initiatives were to enrich students' experience, appreciate the Wildwood teachers and staff, and foster a community. They aim to support the work of teachers and staff and address challenges presented without making their jobs harder.

One initiative they completed was purchasing and installing a sandbox at the West Intermediate School for Wildwood kids relocated there. The PAC also sponsored a Halloween art activity in October and donated their extra candy and pumpkins to Wildwood classrooms. In November, they donated baby wipes and play dough to classrooms

and a Bluetooth speaker to the gym teacher who has to drive between the schools currently.

For teacher appreciation, they catered lunch during a training day and donated a pie to each teacher. They also invited teachers to their Zoo Lights meet-up and have sold 150 tickets for families and staff combined. They're planning on hosting a parents' night in January and a family fun night in February along with other fundraising activities such as a silent auction.

The committee members thanked them for helping to keep the Wildwood community connected and their investment in staff and students. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand also thanked the PAC for their support of the school.

In his own report, Brand opened the floor to Director of Administra-

tion and Finance Paul Ruggiero to go over the fiscal year 2022 end of year report. Ruggiero explained that this is a copy of what his department is required to send to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A resident spoke up during public comments criticizing the School Committee and the district's lack of caution over COVID and risk. She specifically referenced high-risk activities being required in classrooms such as playing wind instruments that families who are concerned about COVID can't opt out of, otherwise the child will fail the class. She asked the committee to include her as a stakeholder and the district to find a safe alternative.

Byrnes questioned after this whether the committee was upholding

their own policy where public comments are supposed to be relevant to items on the committee's agenda that night and if the policy needs amending.

In subcommittee reports, Byrnes conveyed some of the topics discussed at a recent School Wellness Advisory Committee including the cost of fresh produce and holding a new curriculum for pre-k and kindergarten students. She also promoted a COVID vaccine booster clinic to be held at the town hall on Dec. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Stephen Turner mentioned that the Finance and Budget Subcommittee had met several times and talked about special education costs.

The next committee meeting will be on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

Flu and COVID vaccine clinic

Wilmington's Health Department will be holding a flu & COVID vaccine clinic on Monday, Dec. 19th, at Town Hall, located at 121 Glen Road between 1-3 p.m.

This clinic requires an appointment. To schedule, please visit <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/12192022> clinic.

Board secures easements for 14 properties at a cost of \$371K

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their last steps was to secure easements to the 14 surrounding properties to which the town will award around \$371,000 in damages.

O'Connell confirmed that this project isn't being paid for through taxes. The board voted in favor of authorizing the town manager to send the written offer letters for the required easements.

Assistant Town Manager Susan Inman later presented on the town's renewal of the Verizon Fios cable license. She explained that Verizon interestingly would only negotiate a 5-year contract com-

pared to a longer contract that other cable providers would offer.

Attorney William Hewig of KP Law shared that because Verizon falls under title 2, they can use broadband and telephone services and don't need to necessarily keep their cable license. Other providers such as Comcast couldn't market broadband without their cable license.

"The significance of this is that we don't have the same leverage as we do with other cable companies," Hewig said.

This means that the terms presented aren't ideal, including the 5-year timeframe and the right to unilaterally terminate.

In the case that they do, Verizon would still have to pay the town the full capital payment of \$150,000.

Kevin Cairra asked how long in advance Verizon would have to notify the town if terminating. Hewig answered that they would need to provide six months notice.

Town Manager Jeff Hull said that he was impressed that the committee kept five percent of gross annual revenue in the contract. The board voted in favor of executing the cable license renewal.

Several communications that night contained updates related to several ongoing projects. MassHousing wrote that the project

for 79 Nichols St. provided eligibility appropriately for a comprehensive permit.

Alunni said that the Lubbers Brook culvert was almost completed. Bryan Perry wrote that the town would begin borrowing money for the senior center and town hall/school administration projects.

Updates also came in regarding the 2023 tax rate setting in, the beginning of the lifeguard search for 2023, and the appointment of a sealer of weights and measures.

The board voted favorably for all of their items for consideration that night, including the suggested pay rate for the sealer of weights and measures, the AFSCME contract, the WHS Senior Barbeque on the Swain Green on June 1, the ABCC 2023 population in-

crease estimation form, and a long list of license renewals.

In public comment, resident Kevin MacDonald took time to invite any residents affected by childhood cancer in Wilmington to contact him. He suggested that justice needed to be made for the victims and that the town hadn't considered the possibility of NDMA flowing downstream to other communities.

O'Connell assured MacDonald that the town had been working with state and federal agencies on this issue for years. MacDonald maintained that the board hadn't scheduled the public forum that he asked for or looked into downstream flow of NDMA.

Hull replied that the EPA hadn't informed the town of any indication of Wilmington's downstream

communities having NDMA in their drinking water.

MacDonald also brought up the water issues at the Swain School in light of the site location for the new town hall/school administration building. Hull said in response that the town has known about the water table issues for years.

Caira suggested that MacDonald had 27 opportunities to bring this up to the Town Hall/School Administration Building Committee at any of their meetings but hadn't elected to do so.

MacDonald's time speaking ended after he made several accusations against the board members of hypocrisy and financial benefits from being on the board.

The next meeting for the board is scheduled for Jan. 9, 2023.

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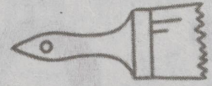
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Board not 100 percent behind proposal for Andover Street project

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They would also potentially incorporate aquatics, strength and conditioning, sports medicine, and physical therapy programs.

Doherty assured the board that they would work with any town leaders, community members, and state agencies and study traffic, fiscal, and environmental impacts. The town would be welcome to provide guidance regarding zoning, including affordable or age-restricted units, public trails, EDGE, municipal facilities, restaurant facilities, and the MTBA commuter rail shuttle. He explained that at this stage, many of the project details weren't set in stone.

Select Board Chair Judy O'Connell shared that after Doherty met with the Ice Rink Committee, Select Board member Kevin Cairra suggested that she and Doherty meet. In that meeting, she said that she brought up concerns about dense housing projects' impacts to traffic and town infrastructure.

Lilia Maselli asked what the impact would be if the town decided not to comply with the DHCD guidelines for housing choice. Doherty replied that his team thought to help relieve the town of obligations but would take away those elements if not required. Maselli went on to say that offering the plot for the fire substation was a "dangling carrot," and that she didn't think this project would be a good fit.

Gary DePalma asked Doherty for details on number of units, what type, how many floors, rent, and amenities. Doherty provided that they would potentially have up to 500 units of varying types, with parking potentially underneath and market-based

rent. He suggested that the most popular apartments are 2-bedroom which don't typically attract families but potentially adults working from home.

O'Connell asked if the developers would consider condominiums instead of apartments. Doherty replied saying that they would be open to 3-story townhouse-style condominiums. He suggested it might be easier for young professionals to afford apartments without needing a down payment.

Greg Bendel simply stated that he couldn't offer his support that night, as he wanted to see the town purchase the property for other use.

Kevin Cairra said that he appreciated the inclusion of EDGE for benefits to Wilmington's youth sports programs.

Town Manager Jeff Hull commented that he could understand concerns with traffic and other impacts from a possible 500-unit development. He asked how long the developers would undergo due diligence. Doherty's response said 3-6 months.

Hull also asked for a minimum number of units or other factors which removed would make them reconsider. One example Hull gave was that the property is outside of the sewer district and there would be concerns with an exception of this size. Doherty agreed that there could be a minimum number and that lack of sewer could be a fatal block for the project.

Some of the next steps Doherty mentioned for the project included studying sewer and traffic impacts and reaching out to abutters to hear their concerns and priorities.

There was no vote for the board to make that night regarding this agenda item.

Committee still debating start time change

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ginning of the window and drive to the other by 8 a.m. Depending on the route, they'll go to the more appropriate school first.

M. J. Byrnes asked if any bus rides would be longer than 40-45 minutes for students. Faretra answered that the cur-

rent longest ride is only 30 minutes, and none of the proposed changes would make a bus route longer than that. Byrnes also suggested there may be more traffic later in the morning, but Faretra maintained the routes will still be coverable and flexible.

Brand then went over some next steps including

two community forums proposed on Dec. 21 and Jan. 18th, from 6 - 7 p.m., ahead of the committee meetings on those nights. These forums will present an opportunity for anyone in the community to share their thoughts and feedback on the proposed options.

The committee would vote, hopefully during

their meeting on Jan. 25, to either accept the proposed school start time change for next year or for 2024 or stick with the current schedule. It would also be possible move the Wildwood start time back an hour on the proposed start time change from 7:40 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. if desired.

Chair wants Wildwood staff, teachers involved

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moving between buildings only has to cross the street instead of driving across town.

The overall benefits include improved teaching and learning space, having a temporary plan that will last while the new building is built, consolidating resources, and being implemented this fall. Brand also suggested that it could be possible to use the gymnasium at the West instead of the middle school and other possibilities for bringing all the students together. They may also build a temporary outdoor play space on the middle school campus.

Meanwhile, the challenges he named are that the staff are still split between two buildings, 6-8 middle school staff members would have to change rooms throughout the day as they deliver classes, the need to relocate the library/media center, and the construction of age-appropriate bathrooms in this section of the building. The restroom facilities, playground space, storage space, and technology and media equipment moving would all bring costs. There may be costs also associated with the

use of the West for the next few years.

The Wildwood School Building Committee had a meeting planned this week to make their recommendation for the School Committee including cost estimates. This recommendation would next be presented to the committee on the 21st. The School Committee's passed motion would then be brought to the town manager to act upon, whatever it is.

M. J. Byrnes asked about the need for restroom facilities. Brand explained that it wouldn't be appropriate to have kindergarten students share bathrooms with students in grades 6-8. They would look to add these by reconfiguring current space at the least cost.

Jesse Fennelly commented that this preliminary idea was exciting and significantly better than any of their earlier options.

Stephen Turner proposed that they should be careful to make sure this plan doesn't negatively impact the students at the West and the middle school. He also suggested that careful planning be made for a potential playground at the middle school so that it's not too far for the students at

the West to use, or if it could be built at the West instead so that their students could also benefit.

He mentioned there may be need for more cabinets in the new kindergarten classrooms for extra storage space.

One consideration that Melissa Plowman wanted to see made is for upcoming Strides classrooms from the Boutwell in particular which will funnel into the Shawshen and West. She also asked for careful thinking when asking the Wildwood teachers to move their classrooms again.

Brand responded saying that he is confident that this plan could work.

"These 1950s buildings do not have the space for some of these more intensive programs," he explained.

Plowman also clarified that this proposal is not simply financially-driven but mostly led by time to completion. She shared that there is a shortage of modular classrooms, so they couldn't have sought those in time for the 2023-2024 school year.

Jay Samaha asked about the impacts on students and programs at the middle school. Brand agreed that there would be impacts to space and some teachers would need to move from room to room,

but most of the programs will stay the same. David Ragsdale wondered if the bathroom construction could be made over the summer, and Brand agreed that this would be ideal.

Ragsdale also asked for benefits and additional resources to be offered to the West as part of this to offset the burdens of hosting the Wildwood program. He suggested that building a playground at the West could be one of those benefits.

Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson wanted to make sure the Wildwood staff and teachers would have ownership and investment in the plan.

Brand again spoke up to say that while this plan isn't perfect, in his mind it is far better than the idea of temporarily fixing the current Wildwood building.

The committee also thanked those who have been involved in the Wildwood study. Byrnes commented that she believes the district can overcome this difficult situation. Ragsdale suggested that they revisit the plan in case any issues come up while the new building is completed.

There was no vote on the proposal that night.



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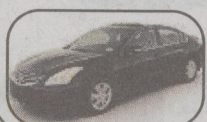
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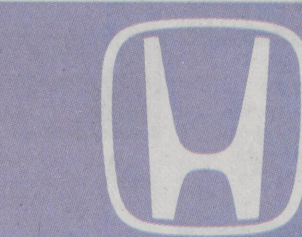
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